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Nat'l Girl Scouts Convention
June 28, 1999
Oct. 14th
Kansas City

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Dear Hillary,

I hope you will not mind my writing as an emissary for someone else (in this case, the National Girl Scouts) and, I guess since you are the Honorary President, it can even nominally be to you in your official capacity.

My long-time friend Ellen Brooks, who is the District Attorney of Montgomery County, is the third vice-president of the National Girl Scouts, and asked me if I could put in a word with you to urge you, if at all possible, to attend and address the Girl Scouts' national convention in Kansas City, Missouri, this fall. (The dates of the convention are October 14-17 (Thursday to Sunday), with the principal meeting on October 16, but Ellen is confident that, if you can speak to the convention on any day it is in session, they would arrange to meet your schedule.)

Ellen speaks very highly of the positive and uplifting character of this meeting, to which your presence would add immensely. While they are conscious of the demands on your time, they truly hope you can attend and address the convention, as Mrs. Bush did in the past.

Bernie, Robin, Bob, Evan and I all continue to correspond with a view toward a 25th year gathering of some of the Nixon Impeachment gang, at least for a dinner in Washington or New York, and just need you to give us the word.

Thanks for whatever consideration you can give to the Girl Scouts' meeting. I know they will benefit from hearing from you.

With very best personal regards,

-Dana. Shalala sure speech

Sincerely yours,

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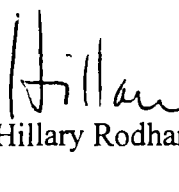
Dear Richard:

Thanks for writing on behalf of Ellen Brooks to urge me to attend and address the Girl Scouts' national convention in Kansas City, Missouri this fall. Someone from my scheduling office should be in touch with Ms. Brooks soon when my plans for October are finalized.

I'm looking forward to a 25th reunion. Let's try to get together soon.

Thanks for keeping in touch. With best wishes for a wonderful summer, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Where Girls Grow Strong.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA**48TH National Council Session/ Convention****Kansas City, MO****October 14th 1999****Video Greetings from Hillary Rodham Clinton***Linky girls to be leand**Girl power*

Hello, Girl Scouts!

The Girl Scouts.

Strong in mind, body and spirit.

The Girl Scouts.

Where Girls Grow Strong.

The Girl Scouts.

A perfect model of democracy in action.

[It is no wonder that 66 percent of the women now serving on Capitol Hill proudly claim > that they were Girl Scouts.

[Never has Girl Scouting been more critically important to girls, their families, and communities, especially in light of today's complicated - and often challenging society.

YOU stand for girls.

YOU are the leading authority on girls.

YOU are the experienced champions of girls.

In Kansas City, YOU - Individually and collectively - are challenged to do what is best for the girls in this country. You are challenged to take the action necessary to ensure that Girl Scouting thrives far into the next century.

'Girl Power'

GS USA - HHS

help Girls 9-14 to resist
unhealthy ^{influences} ~~activities~~ &
influences & make
positive decisions for their lives

- help develop life long habits for
mental physical & emotional
health & fitness.

• In the troops.

Linking Girls to the land.

become involved in outdoor resource care

& raise concerns in the school environment

How I wish I could be there with you in person to say THANK YOU for all you are doing for the girls of our nation.

I hope you know how honored I am to serve as your Honorary President.

Just remember...at 87 years old...YOU LOOK GREAT!

Chelsea joins me in sending you our warmest wishes.

Thank you.

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Background Information

The Girl Scouts' national Convention takes place every three years. Over 7,000 people will attend this year. Most of them are women who are adult volunteers at the local and national level. They come together to vote on policy matters and to elect a new National Board of Directors. They are comprised of Girl Scout Leaders, Board Members and paid staff. The local Girl Scout councils around the country choose delegates from each state.

The Girl Scouts' membership stands at 3.7 million, this is the highest it's been in 20 years. Current Girl Scout initiatives are: Sports, Science, Technology, Mentoring, Violence Prevention and teaching children Philanthropy.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
THE GIRL SCOUTS NATIONAL CONVENTION
KANSAS CITY, MO
OCTOBER 14, 1999

Girl Scouts!
Hello ~~everyone~~. As ~~Honorary President~~, I am ~~especially proud~~ *delighted* to be able to welcome you to the Girl Scouts' National Convention. ~~I only wish I could be with you in Kansas City to~~ *And I hope you know how much* convey my admiration for the mission and achievements of the Girl Scouts. The job you do is an important one, ~~and~~ each and every one of you serves as a role model for millions girls who look to you every day for guidance support and leadership.

Over the past 7 years I have had the opportunity to visit many countries around the world. And in each of these places I have seen the faces of so many girls and young women, faces that hold so much promise and hope. I have met girls yearning for the opportunity to live up to their God given potential as individual and as members of their society.

But in a time when communities are hard to come by, and our children are confronted with so many complicated issues... too many drugs on our streets, not enough education in the classrooms. They need a place that will provide them with not only an opportunity to realize themselves but a place where they can learn how to succeed. That place is the Girl Scouts.

For girls of all cultures and aspirations, scouting can be an empowering experience *through* ~~encouraging them to take responsibility for their actions and contribute to their communities.~~ From food drives to nursing home visits; in their troops and at home, Scouts are learning to give something back and think beyond themselves. They are taking on leadership roles and sharing responsibility. And they are learning the most important lesson - one that I learned as a scout - if you don't work together, the job won't get done. *through sports*

None of this though would be possible without your hard work dedication and devotion. You are the reason our girls will have a bright and promising 21st century. Once again, I want to thank all of you - individually and collectively - for laying the foundations of our girls' future and providing a place where girls can grow strong together. I hope you have a wonderful convention.

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parents are working harder than ever & young people are
trying to make their way through a host of challenges
used Girl Scouts to girls scout leaders to help girls navigate
their way safely to adulthood & grow into strong,
resilient & capable young women.

Honoring President of Girl Scouts.

> 7,000, 10,000

- Day Day Sessions

- Pre-Daily Adults, Teenage girls

- ~~Annual Convention~~ > Nat'l Girl Scouts Convention

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ever to the lives of girls
across America.

folded further.

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
GIRLS, INC. 50TH ANNIVERSARY
APRIL 21, 1995
REMARKS FOR VIDEO

Good afternoon to all of you. I am so sorry I cannot be with you today as you celebrate 50 years of helping girls achieve their hopes and dreams. As your honorary chairperson, I am proud to have this opportunity to convey my admiration for the mission and achievements of Girls, Inc. And I know many Americans join me in thanking Isabel Stewart and the entire network of volunteers and staff for contributing so much energy and hard work to improving the lives of girls throughout our nation.

As you may know, I recently had the extraordinary opportunity to travel for nearly two weeks through South Asia. And at nearly every stop I was struck by how the experiences of girls and women -- even those living half a world away from us -- are similar in many important respects.

Whether a girl grows up here in the United States, a remote village of Bangladesh, an urban center like New Delhi, or the mountains of Nepal, she yearns for the opportunity to fulfill her potential as an individual and as a full participant in her society.

But it is much harder for women to achieve that level of fulfillment if they are denied the opportunity to be economically self-sufficient...if they are denied access to quality health care...if they are denied basic education. These are what I call the "tools of opportunity." And what we have learned in countries throughout the world -- including our own -- is that providing these tools to girls and women pays big dividends not only for the individuals involved, but for families, communities and society as a whole.

The Girls, Inc. "Urban Girls Initiative" is a wonderful example of what I am talking about. It proves that when given the opportunity, girls will take responsibility for making their own lives better. By reaching out to girls in the most underserved communities, Girls, Inc. teaches girls skills and instills self-confidence so they can flourish in an increasingly complex and competitive world.

By bringing programs such as Operation SMART and Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy right to where girls are -- to their schools, their homes, and their community centers -- the Urban Girls Initiative is giving girls a chance to learn math and science and enjoy school, to avoid teenage pregnancy, to say no to illegal drugs and alcohol, and to aspire to greater goals in life.

I would also like to applaud Girls, Inc. for being a model of partnership between public, private, and non-profit organizations. The support from private foundations, concerned individuals, the National Science Foundation and others represents what can be accomplished by joining together to take responsibility for helping girls in our communities.

Through the stories of the seven girls who are here today to receive scholarship awards, we see that in spite of obstacles, each and every one of them stands poised to achieve her goals. And each of these wonderful girls is, I am sure, a role model for many others hoping to follow in her footsteps.

I congratulate Girls, Inc. on your achievements of the past fifty years, and I wish you great success in all your future endeavors. Thank you for caring so much about the future of the girls you serve and understanding how vital girls and women are to the future of our country.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPE REMARKS FOR GIRL SCOUTS' NATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 13, 1995

Thank you, LA-RAY and Mary Rose for including me in a meeting of such dedicated men and women. I'm sorry I can't be with you in Savannah today. However, I very much appreciate the opportunity to speak to the leadership of Girl Scouts. The job you do is an important one, and each and every one of you serves as a role model for the millions of girls who look to you every day for guidance, encouragement and support.

It is these very girls who will someday become successful businesswomen, doctors, lawyers, civic leaders, volunteers, wives and mothers. They will be our leaders of tomorrow, and that is why it is vital to give them every chance and opportunity today so that they can grow and thrive in an increasingly complicated world.

I am delighted to hear you are launching new program resources for girls and their leaders, and I am deeply impressed by the hundreds of thousands of Girl Scout volunteers who give so much of themselves to help our girls build self-esteem and develop leadership qualities.

I also want to thank you for calling America to action through "Be Your Best Day." I was proud to have participated in my own "Be Your Best" pledge and I am thrilled to hear that so many congresswomen also participated.

Much of what you do is based on the ideal of partnership. Partnerships such as those between Girl Scout council presidents, executive directors, local councils and the national organization are essential to progress in a pluralistic society such as ours. That is why this meeting's theme of "Partners for Tomorrow" is so important. In America, partnerships can help us achieve the goals we set for ourselves and our children, from a better quality of life, education, and health, to equality of opportunity for every member of our society.

Your recent study, "Toward a Broader Understanding of Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Girl Scouting," exemplifies the importance of partnership as you work with local communities to ensure that all girls, whatever their background, have a chance at a successful future.

For girls of all cultures and aspirations, Girl Scouting can be an empowering experience by encouraging them to take responsibility for their actions and contribute to their communities. They visit nursing homes, collect clothing for needy children, hold food drives, help build shelters, even collect teddy bears for police to distribute to children who have

been traumatized and who find a teddy bear can soothe the hurt.

In Girl Scouting, you encourage girls to give something back, and to think beyond themselves. In their troops, they learn to share responsibility and assume leadership roles. They learn that if they don't work together, the job won't get done. These are powerful lessons, lessons I remember vividly from my own days as a Girl Scout.

You and I know how important children are. And in Girl Scouting, girls are the focus of that importance. The founder of Girl Scouting, Juliette Low, expressed it best when she said, "We mustn't lose sight of the girls. The girls must always come first." And that is what you and I and all of us must continue to do. We must put girls and children first, to help prepare them for whatever path in life they choose, from successful career woman to homemaker and mother.

The work all of you do to prepare girls for the 21st century and beyond is critical because you are laying the foundation for the future. In the partnerships you forge, you are leaving a legacy for generations of girls to come. At a time when community is sometimes hard to come by, Girl Scouting provides a community to millions of girls around the world.

That is why I am so proud to be your honorary president, and I thank all of you again for inviting me to be a part of this very special occasion.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEO REMARKS FOR GIRLS INCORPORATED
APRIL 8, 1998

Good afternoon. As Honorary Chair, I am especially proud to be able to welcome you to the "Girls Incorporated" Annual Conference. I want to say a special word of thanks to Isabel Stewart, Regina Montoya, and the impressive network of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make this conference possible. And I want to congratulate this year's scholarship winners and those who are being recognized for creating powerful Girls Inc. programs.

Today, there are young girls all over America who are surrounded by too many drugs and not enough education, too much teen pregnancy and not enough opportunity to reach their full potentials. Every single girl needs someone to believe in them -- someone who can help them say "no" to a life of diminished expectations and "yes" to their education and their future. That's exactly what Girls Inc. has always done. (1)

Throughout my travels, I have had the privilege to see the fruits of your labor in the smiles of girls who now believe they can reach for the stars. You have shown that when given the opportunity and support, every girl can lead, every girls can reach her God-given promise. And you have shown what we can accomplish when all Americans step up to the plate to help. From Operation Smart to your new campaign, "She's on the Money," you are bringing the public and private sectors together to lift up the hopes and lives of girls throughout our country.

Once again, I want to thank you for your leadership and commitment on behalf of girls everywhere. I hope you have a wonderful conference.

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During the past 6 years, I have had the opportunity to visit many countries around the world. And in each of these places, I have seen the faces of young women, faces which hold so much hope and promise. And just like the young girls gathered here for this conference, or the thousands of other participants in Girls Inc. programs around the country, they yearn for the opportunity to live up to their God-give promise and become productive members of their societies. 

But young girls can only fulfill their promise if they are given the same opportunities for education and training as young boys. "Girls Inc." is making sure this happens. By bringing together the resources of the private, public and non-profit sectors, and by bringing programs such as Operation Smart and Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy into schools, homes and communities, Girls Inc is giving young women accross the country the tools they need to help them fulfill their dreams.

I am especially proud of your new campaign, "She's on the Money," which will teach young women skills in economic literacy and financial planning. As research has shown, girls still lag behind boys in confidence when it comes to money management. By giving young women the tools to be more secure when it comes to making important financial choices, not only are you making an investment in the futures of the individual women, but in our country as a whole.

Once again, I thank you for the work you are doing to improve the lives of girls throughout our nation. I hope you have a wonderful conference.

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
DREAM IT, ACHIEVE IT!**

6/13/97

My hopes and dreams for girls around the world are simple. I hope that every girl can grow up to fulfill her own dreams and ambitions in a world at peace.

When I was your age, I wrote a letter to NASA about my dreams of becoming an astronaut, only to get a letter back saying that women weren't allowed in the space program. Today, three years shy of the 21st century, the sky literally does not have to be the limit for American girls. Girls can realistically dream of flying in space, piloting jet fighters, and running Fortune 500 companies. They can be Supreme Court Justices, network television anchors, and big-city police chiefs. They can choose full-time motherhood and homemaking.

I hope each and every one of you will understand that there is no set formula for how you should lead your lives. Each of us must be free to make the most of our interests, talents, and desires. But with this abundance of choice comes responsibility -- a responsibility to work hard to achieve your goals, and a responsibility to use your gifts to serve the community. In a world where so many children are growing up unfed, unhealthy, and unschooled, I hope all girls and boys and men and women will work to extend opportunities to others whose life choices are limited by social and economic constraints.

Most of all, I hope that as girls develop self-reliance and confidence in their abilities, they will have the guidance of loving and supportive adults. My dream is that one day, we will live in a world where all children are loved and cared for -- first by the families into which they are born, by the communities to which they belong, and then by all of us who are connected to them and to each other in so many different ways.

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