

Office of the Governor

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United Nations Women of the Mountains Conference

Dear Conference Participants:

Welcome to the Mountain West where you have gathered to discuss some of the critical issues facing women and children in similarly mountainous regions around the world. Gatherings such as these not only build relationships, they allow each of us to further enjoy living, learning, and working in our communities.

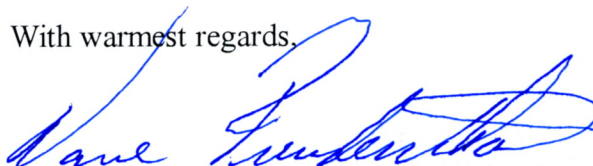
The recognition that we should help ensure the welfare and protection of women and children is important not only to our region, but the entire country. Improving the prospects for health, education and economic development for the most vulnerable members of our society can only benefit us all.

As you consider problems like the sustenance of family values and culture, and the health and education of women and children, know that my wife, Nancy, and I consider these important issues in our home state of Wyoming. I believe this conference will play a powerful role in improving their welfare in our region.

Although previous commitments prevent my attendance at your conference, I want to express my sincere regret that I could not attend. I wish you luck in raising awareness and gaining broader support for the issues you'll consider this weekend.

Best wishes for a very successful conference.

With warmest regards,



Dave Freudenthal
Governor

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