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The Honorable Randy Hultgren
Co-Chair
Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James P. McGovern
Co-Chair
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Dear Co-Chairs Hultgren and McGovern,

On behalf of the United States Institute of Peace, we send our congratulations to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission on its 10th anniversary. As the Co-Chairs of the Commission, we appreciate your shared commitment to American values and ideals as well as your dedication to effectively advancing the promotion of human rights in U.S. foreign policy. The Commission's ten-year anniversary is especially timely as we reflect on the 70th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

USIP values the Commission's dedication to preserving international human rights, especially in countries afflicted by violent conflict. We have seen through our work that human rights abuses can often result from and be the cause of violence. As you both have highlighted through the Commission's hearings, briefings, events, and conversations over past decade, addressing human rights issues is foundational to reducing violence abroad.

USIP was particularly honored this past March to host you both as Co-Chairs of the Commission for our inaugural Bipartisan Congressional Dialogue on "Human Rights: The Foundation for Peace." Your conversation was a heartening example of the bipartisanship that is necessary to address international challenges while promoting fundamental values and human rights.

Thank you, again, for your leadership. We also send our appreciation to the Commission staff, past and present, whose hard work and dedication have supported the Commission over the past decade. We look forward to the Commission's important efforts in the next decade to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy Lindborg".

Nancy Lindborg
President