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Welcome to the Women Legislators' Lobby's (WiLL) August 2015 e-newsletter:

WiLL in the News



After the historic Iran Nuclear Deal was announced on July 14, **Senator Carolyn Nelson (ND)** [urged members of Congress to vote in favor](#) of the Deal, **Representative Tina Liebling (MN)** [thanked Congressman Tim Waltz, Senator Amy Klobuchar, and Senator Al Franken](#) for their support of the agreement, and **Representative Gael Tarleton (WA)** expressed her [reasoning for supporting](#) the Iran Deal, stressing the importance of diplomacy in the prevention of war.

In observance of Women's Equality Day on August 26, **WiLL Vice President Senator Sandy Pappas (MN)** [highlighted the Equal Rights Amendment](#) resolution which passed the Minnesota State Senate last year and reminded us that there is still more work to do.

We want to assist you on submitting op-eds and letters to the editor! Media placement ramps up your profile and educates your voters, with multiple chances to Facebook, tweet, and post on your website. For assistance, please contact Senator Sandy Pappas (sandy@wand.org).

2015 WiLL/WAND National Women's Leadership Conference:
"Women at the Tables of Power"



[The 2015 WiLL/WAND National Women's Leadership Conference](#) will take place October 4-6 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington! Our conference will feature briefings with Congresswomen and policy experts, training with strategic communications experts, intimate networking dinners in homes on Capitol Hill, and a Congressional Lobby Day and luncheon. Confirmed speakers include noted pollster Celinda Lake and candidate training experts VoteRunLead. We are honored to be recognizing **Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (IL-9)** with our 2015 Torchbearer Award!

[REGISTRATION IS CLOSING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2](#), and travel and lodging scholarships are still available! Please contact Adzi Vokhiwa at avokhiwa@wand.org or 202-544-5055 ext. 1 for more information.

WiLL Reception at NCSL

Thank you to all who attended our August 5 reception at NCSL at the City University of Seattle Atrium! We appreciate you making time in your busy schedules to join other fellow women leaders to hear about the work that WiLL is doing.

We would also like to give a very special thanks to our reception sponsors City University of Seattle and National Women's Political Caucus of Washington, and thank Ivar's

Seafood of Seattle for providing the food pro bono.

Capitol Hill Update

Iran Deal



On July 14, the United States and its five international partners finished crafting an [historic agreement with Iran](#) that would block Iran's pathways to a nuclear weapon, strengthen global efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, and minimize the prospects of military conflict between Iran and the United States!

Members of Congress will vote on legislation that could make or break an agreement next month. Congress has set up a process to weigh-in on the final deal, meaning that they have the power to destroy what the negotiations have accomplished. Therefore, it is important for you to reach out to your Members of Congress and let them know that you support the Iran Deal.

There are many ways to contact your Members of Congress. If you would like help scheduling a meeting with your Member of Congress in person, please contact Adzi Vokhiwa at avokhiwa@wand.org.

Salute to Wendy Sherman!



Wendy Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, has been a paramount figure in getting the Iran deal across the finish line and in turn averting a catastrophic military conflict.

Under Secretary Sherman deserves enormous recognition. Her colleagues, current and former, have hailed her skill and dedication.

“[T]here were many moments when our own governments, and our negotiating partners, were on different paths with the Iranians, and she was the one who always made sure there were no gaps,” stated Bill Burns who formerly held her position.

Secretary Kerry had this praise: her “mentoring of colleagues, her experience, her passion for diplomacy, her calm in the storm set her apart as a great under secretary of state.”

[Please e-sign this thank you letter by August 29](#), and help WAND applaud Under Secretary Sherman’s efforts and success as a leader at the peace building table – advocating for diplomacy, reaching across political, ethnic, and religious divides and bringing together the most significant nonproliferation agreement in decades.

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