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**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2012 7:48 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: National Partnership invitation to HRC

What a wonderful invitation. I'm copying Lona to see if we can commit to a time in June this far ahead because I know you have to book a room etc. I hope it can work out. All the best for 2012!

**From:** Judy Lichtman [mailto:[redacted]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012 05:24 PM  
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**Subject:** National Partnership invitation to HRC

Words cannot adequately express how profoundly honored we will be if you accept our invitation to honor you.

Much love,  
 Judy



January 18, 2012

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton  
 via e-mail

Dear Madame Secretary:

As you may remember, each year the National Partnership for Women & Families hosts a gala luncheon to honor trailblazing leaders who have helped advance the role of women in the United States and worldwide, make our workplaces more fair and family-friendly, and win quality, affordable health care for everyone. We had the great privilege of honoring you at our luncheon in 1994 and I am writing to see if you would allow us to make you our honoree and keynote speaker again in June, at our 2012 Annual Luncheon.

There is no more perfect honoree than you. You are a world leader with an illustrious career, exceptional achievements in foreign policy, and have served as a lifelong role model for women and girls worldwide. We have watched with so much pride as you broke barriers for women in government and politics, and cheered these last few years as you skillfully steered the country's foreign policy, always making the rights and well-being of women and girls a centerpiece of the nation's agenda. As a champion of women's rights and the power of women's voices, we so appreciate your leadership in establishing the United States' first-ever National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security to formalize the nation's commitment to promoting women's role in conflict prevention and resolution, protecting women from gender-based violence and ensuring that women have equal access to relief and recovery assistance in war-torn and violent areas of the world. You have transformed society with your tireless work to give women and girls in every corner of the globe the chance to live free of violence, with comprehensive health services and real opportunities for education

and employment. Our daughters and their daughters will be so much better off because of your resolve and contribution.

We would be immensely proud to have the chance to honor you in June. You may remember that our event brings together more than 1,500 people from the women's, legal, business, public policy, civil rights, health, advocacy, and labor communities here in Washington, D.C. We are currently planning to hold it on Friday, June 8, at the Washington Hilton, but would be happy to adjust the date to accommodate your schedule.

In addition to you, President Clinton and Vice President Gore, our distinguished honorees over the years have included Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, journalist Christiane Amanpour, historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, actor and academic Anna Deavere Smith, as well as United Nations officials, pioneering civil rights attorneys, and luminaries from numerous other fields.

Last year, the National Partnership turned 40. Like us, you remember that, when we opened our doors in 1971 as the Women's Legal Defense Fund, women couldn't get credit cards or mortgages in their own names; job listings were separated into jobs for men and jobs for women, and abortion was illegal in many states. We've been busy during those years, helping to win the battles to outlaw pregnancy discrimination and sexual harassment, and, with your significant help, pass the Family and Medical Leave Act, undo the horrendous U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear*, pass health care reform, and much more.

We have been transforming public policies, changing business culture, and altering the way Americans see women's role in families and in our society. Our work is not nearly done, but we are proud of the progress we've helped win over these 40 years and ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

The National Partnership is the nation's preeminent voice on behalf of women and families. We work every day to build a country where equal opportunity and women's rights are secure, no one experiences discrimination, all workplaces are family-friendly, and every family has quality, affordable health care and real economic security. Our Annual Luncheon is a time-honored Washington tradition and we could have no more appropriate honoree in 2012 than you.

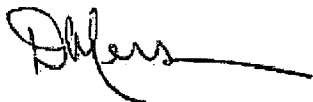
The event begins with a VIP reception at 11:00 a.m. The luncheon portion begins at noon and ends by 2:00 p.m. The VIP reception is for our speakers, major donors, members of Congress, members of the Administration, and other distinguished guests. We would be delighted if you would be willing to attend for some portion of that time.

We look forward to your response. You can reach us by phone at (202) 986-2600 or by e-mail at [dln](mailto:dln) or [jllichtman](mailto:jllichtman). Please let us know if we can provide any additional information or materials.

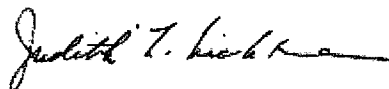
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Thank you so much for considering this request.

Warmest regards,



Debra L. Ness  
President



Judith L. Lichtman  
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