

## Nancy Helosi Speaker of the House

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## Dear Friends:

On behalf of the United States Congress, it is my privilege to bring greetings to all of the friends of Roots of Peace gathered for this evening's Mines to Vines dinner. Thank you to Violet Grgich for offering guests a "taste of peace."

For a quarter of a century, Roots of Peace has sown the seeds of peace and prosperity in war-torn communities across the world. Guided by the visionary leadership of Heidi Kühn, this life-changing organization has earned global respect and admiration for transforming perilous battlefields into bountiful farmlands. Your efforts help economic empowerment and opportunity to take root.

As a global force for healing and hope, Roots of Peace is as important now as ever before. Your leadership in Afghanistan helped bring to safety Afghan partners who bravely helped heal their communities. After the courageous Ukrainian people win the fight against callous Russian invaders, your work will serve as an inspiration as the world comes together to rebuild Ukraine. Roots of Peace stands as a model of a successful public-private partnership, and your many friends in the Congress are proud to continue supporting your work.

Roots of Peace can take great pride in how your work has made a transformational difference in some of the most vulnerable and dangerous places in the world. Thank you for your committed leadership in advancing peace and prosperity – and best wishes for a wonderful event!

best regards,

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