



Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House

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Ms. Heidi Kühn  
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Dear Ms. Kühn:

Guided by your vision and leadership, Roots of Peace is a force for good in Afghanistan and around the world. Roots of Peace initiatives have transformed communities, advanced peace worldwide and made a difference in the lives of people in some of the most vulnerable and dangerous places in the world.

For many years, I have admired the work of you and the dedicated Roots of Peace staff as you have worked to “turn mines into vines” and transform Roots of Peace into the impactful and internationally recognized force that it is today. Our California community greatly appreciates the innovative and fresh approach Roots of Peace has taken to the challenge of landmines and empowering communities in Afghanistan and beyond. And many of us in Congress have advocated for Roots of Peace and its due recognition in the USAID budget for its work.

While you have worked in many places around the world, your work in Afghanistan has brought increased global respect to your leadership and that of Roots of Peace. The situation in Afghanistan is one that you know well, and the people of Afghanistan and America are blessed by the determination you bring to the challenges ahead. Your leadership during the evacuation to bring to safety Afghans who courageously helped build their communities by planting the seeds of hope has been an inspiration to so many working hard to ensure the safety and well-being of the Afghan people.

As a leader, you have been successful in the pursuit of Roots of Peace’s goals. As an advocate, you have been relentless and persistent in wanting even more for those in need. I am pleased to continue to support you, and the dedicated staff and important work of Roots of Peace.

best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Pelosi".

NANCY PELOSI  
Speaker of the House