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U.S. Senate

Education for Refugee Girls

Senator [FULL NAME]
[ROOM #] [NAME] Senate Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator [LAST NAME],

My name is [YOUR NAME] and I am a [club leader, supporter, etc] for Girl Up, the United Nations Foundation adolescent girl campaign. Girl Up is a community of more than half a million passionate advocates for gender equality. We advocate for the hardest to reach girls living in places where it's hardest to be a girl.

I am also your constituent, and I would like to say thank you for representing me and the issues I care about. I am writing today to ask you to cosponsor S. 1580, Protecting Girls' Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act, which was introduced by Senator Marco Rubio and Senator Bob Menendez.

I believe that all girls have the right to an education, but we are far from making that goal a reality. Unfortunately, education is viewed as non-essential aid towards those torn from their homes. But with the help of UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP, and the passage of this bill, we can change that. There are currently 65 million forcibly displaced people in the world, and half of them are under the age of 18. Only 22% of refugees are enrolled in secondary school because of overcrowded classes, language barriers and a lack of learning materials. Without a quality education, girls are more at risk of child marriage, trafficking, and forced labor. All refugee children deserve the right to quality education.

I recognize that you are a very busy person with lots of projects competing for your attention, but I believe that you should cosponsor this bill when it is introduced because [SAY WHY YOU CARE!]. I attend [SCHOOL NAME] in your state, and having access to safe, quality education means that [SAY WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU].

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to working with you to make equality a reality for every girl.

Sincerely,

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