

March 24th, 2015

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
478 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand,

The Metropolitan New York Chapter of the Association for Women in Science hosted a panel discussion event on Policies that Influence Gender Balance in STEM on March 24, 2015. There were approximately 50 people in attendance at the event and topics that were discussed included:

- Recruitment and retention of women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Mechanisms for enabling more work-life integration into the STEM workforce, including the Family and Medical Leave Act

On behalf of our chapter, I would like to applaud your efforts on behalf of women through the American Opportunity Agenda and your efforts to make child care affordable and available. Your work is the kind of action that helps us as women achieve gender balance in STEM fields. We are asking for your support in developing policies that address the above bullet points.

We would like to set up an appointment with you to discuss these issues and some of the solutions that we recommend. Below are the signatures of the people who participated in these discussions. Please let us know in the next week when we might be able to meet with you at your D.C. Office.

Sincerely,

SIGNATURES

Name:

Address/: \_

Title/Organization (optional):