



Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader

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Dear Friends,

I am proud to send my congratulations as you celebrate United Nations International Day of Peace and the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roots of Peace. On World Peace Day we must rededicate our efforts to a future of peace, prosperity and partnership amongst all nations.

On this World Peace Day we can celebrate President Obama's historic visit to Laos and his commitment to redouble our nation's efforts to clear minefields that have inflicted a terrible toll on innocent men, women and children for over forty years. The President's pledge reflects our nation's moral obligation to help heal a very painful legacy of war. In this same spirit, Roots of Peace has been working to heal the wounds of war in Afghanistan, Croatia, Vietnam and other regions of conflict.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to Roots of Peace for your leadership in international efforts to restore peace and economic prosperity in war-torn lands worldwide. By replacing land-mined fields with grapevines and trees so that agriculture can flourish, you are bringing hope and opportunity to those living in war ravaged areas. By training young men and women in farming, you are creating livelihoods, thereby helping young farmers transform their lands into sustainable communities.

Thank you Heidi Kuhn and all Roots of Peace's friends and donors for your humanitarian efforts to bring prosperity and peace to our children and to future generations.

best regards,

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

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