

February 2, 2015

Honorable [First] [Last]  
U.S. Representative  
[Room #] [Building Name] House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congress[wo]man [Last Name]:

On behalf of the **Daughters of Penelope (DOP)**, a preeminent international women's organization, I write as a constituent to convey my sincere congratulations on your election to Congress and to thank you for your commitment to public service.

Our members are proud the ancient Greeks forged the notion of democracy. The ancients believed in the right of self-governance, which is the very foundation of our great nation as adopted by our Founding Fathers. We wish you all the best in carrying out this most solemn civic responsibility—public service—as gifted to you by your fellow citizens.

### **About the Daughters of Penelope**

Founded in 1929 in San Francisco, the Daughters of Penelope was established to improve the well-being of women and provide them with the opportunity to make significant contributions to American society. Today, its mission is to promote the ideals of ancient Greece, education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

Over its history, the Daughters of Penelope has achieved remarkable accomplishments. It has strengthened the status of women in society, sheltered the elderly and victims of domestic violence, educated our youth, promoted Hellenic heritage, and raised funds for medical research. Additionally, our members exemplify the American Dream. With their strong work ethic, Greek-Americans have risen to become leaders in their respective professions, from government to business to the arts. The DOP has been a vehicle through which this advancement has occurred in our society.

In the [Your Local City/Town] community, DOP members from Chapter [Number] raise funds and commit volunteer hours to strengthen and support our communities. [You will need to include local examples such as: From Hurricane Sandy relief, to scholarship awards, to issuing grants in support of medical research conducted at universities, or YWCA] DOP members are proud to be at the forefront of charitable giving and community service.

### **Our Presence in Washington**

The American Hellenic community has a visible and vocal presence on Capitol Hill. This is due to the **Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues**, a bipartisan body that aims to strengthen U.S.-Greece relations and work with the American Hellenic community on its issues. We invite you to join the Hellenic Caucus, which is co-chaired by U.S. Representatives Carolyn **Maloney** (D-NY) and Gus **Bilirakis** (R-FL).

Finally, we always welcome the opportunity to meet with the appropriate staff person – either at your Washington, DC or district offices – to provide you with pertinent information about our organization, our legislative agenda, and to update you on the incredible volunteer work our members provide in your district. We look forward to working with you and your staff. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[NAME]  
[TITLE]  
[ADDRESS]