**Girls LEAD Act**

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To the Editor:

In every corner of the world, there are girls with the potential to be their nation’s next great leader. They have the intelligence, talent and drive to succeed, but face far too many face obstacles in realizing their full potential.

Evidence shows that as more women enter positions of leadership, their nations witness tangible gains in economic growth, democracy, and even sustainable peace. But we can’t expect young women to have the confidence and skills to take on leadership roles after being systematically excluded from these opportunities in adolescence.

[PERSONAL DETAIL]\* To bring future female leadership to fruition, we must begin with supporting girls today.

This is why I’m encouraging [MEMBER OF CONGRESS] to join Sen. Cardin (D-MD) and Sen. Collins (R-ME) in signing on to the Girls LEAD Act. This important piece of legislation aims to improve U.S. foreign assistance for girls around the world so they can be equipped to take on leadership roles and increase their civic and political participation. The bill will also help provide the vital resources that are required for girls to be the drivers of change in their own lives.

I urge [MEMBER OF CONGRESS] to join [HIS/HER] colleagues in empowering girls and supporting the next great generation of women leaders.

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*\*Example of personal detail: “As a high school student who is engaged in advocacy, I know first-hand how powerful it is to use my voice. But in too many parts of the world, girls and young women don’t have these same opportunities.”*