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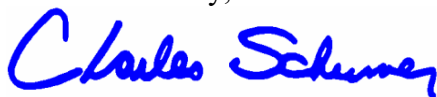
Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather with BridgeUSA-FUSIA for its 17th Annual Graduation and Inauguration Dinner. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize FUSIA, its founder, Ms. Elizabeth Kay, its leadership, members, and the students who have enriched this program throughout its history.

BridgeUSA-FUSIA was founded by Elizabeth Kay in 2003 when two interns from overseas were stranded during the Northeast blackout and needed assistance. It was at this point that Ms. Kay became passionate about cultural and international exchange, prompting her to establish FUSIA. Today, FUSIA is a 100 percent minority-woman-led program that works to connect young adults from around the world with global internships in STEM-designated fields that will give them practical skills, global insights, and exposure to different cultures. These internship programs benefit both students and communities through establishing relationships and building connections between individuals of different backgrounds and cultures. The students that have participated in this phenomenal program have learned the invaluable skills of teamwork, professionalism, and leadership which will benefit them throughout their careers and lives. The phenomenal work of BridgeUSA-FUSIA has strengthened relationships between local communities and the world which has made a profound impact on those who have participated in the program and those who have had the honor of hosting these wonderful students.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you for your unwavering commitment to students, cultural exchange, and the strengthening of global ties. I know that BridgeUSA-FUSIA will continue these efforts for years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful event!

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator