



THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN GENEVA

August 29, 2017

Ms. Dubravka Šimonovic
Special Rapporteur on violence against women,
its causes and consequences

and

Mr. Dainius Puras
Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment
of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

and

Ms. Alda Facio
Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of
discrimination against women in law and practice

Dear Ms. Šimonovic, Mr. Puras, and Ms. Facio:

In response to your letter dated June 20, 2017, please accept the attached response
from the Government of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Mack".

Jason R. Mack
U.S. Deputy Permanent
Representative to the UN Human
Rights Council

**SUBJECT: Response to Special Rapporteurs Simonovic and Puras and
Chair-Rapporteur Facio regarding their Joint Communication on Women's
Reproductive Rights**

Thank you for your letter dated June 20, 2017, regarding women's reproductive rights and pending legislation in the State of New York.

We do not comment on pending legislation at any governmental level in the United States, however, the Department of State's Bureau of International Organizations Affairs has passed your letter to the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, Mr. John J. Flanagan.

We reiterate our support for the United Nations' work across the globe to promote respect for human rights.