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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the more than 100,000 bipartisan members and donors of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the AAUW Action Fund, I am pleased to inform you that you have received a 100 percent score on votes and cosponsorships in our recently published Congressional Voting Record for the 111th Congress, First Session. AAUW greatly appreciates your consistent support for our priorities throughout the past year.

The voting record is available on our website, and can be downloaded here:  
http://aauwaction.org/VoterEd/cvr.htm. The Congressional Voting Record for the 111th Congress, First Session is neither an endorsement nor a condemnation of any member of Congress.

The AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record for the 111th Congress, First Session provides AAUW members and the public with critical information on how their members of Congress voted on issues affecting women and girls in 2009. New this year, AAUW also scored legislators on their cosponsorship of key legislation. As you know, when a member co-sponsors a bill, it demonstrates initiative on and commitment to the issue and gives the bill momentum. Our 2009 successes include the House and Senate passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, House passage and Senate introduction of the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act (S.354), confirmation of Justice Sonya Sotomayor to the Supreme Court, and more than 20 Senate co-sponsors of the Healthy Families Act (S.1152), which would provide employees seven paid sick days per year. Disappointments include Senate efforts to advance school vouchers, and Senate failure to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act (S.182).

Our members, represented today by the AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps, want to personally thank you for standing up for the issues in which they believe so strongly. Lobby Corps, a volunteer group of local AAUW members, makes weekly visits to congressional offices to discuss AAUW’s priority issues. During the past year, our Lobby Corps has advocated on: pay equity, paid sick days, parental leave, hate crimes prevention, Title IX accountability in high schools, and college affordability.

Once again, I would like to thank you for the dedication you have shown to AAUW’s priorities. We look forward to your continued support during the 111th Congress, Second Session. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at 202/785-7720 or Tracy Sherman, government relations manager, at 202/785-7730.

Sincerely,

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