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The Honorable Michael R. Pompeo
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Pompeo,

On behalf of our hundreds of thousands of members, we thank you for your exemplary leadership at the 74th United Nations General Assembly. What a joy to see the United States lead the world by example in the defense of life and religious liberty.

Thank you for your tireless defense of life. We are grateful that under your leadership and alongside Secretary Azar, twenty countries joined the United States in the Joint Statement on Universal Health Coverage to declare there is no international right to abortion and that terms related to abortion, such as “sexual and reproductive health and rights” (SRH), have no place in UN documents. We are grateful to the administration for declaring the UN should not pressure countries to legalize abortion and that countries are sovereign and able to make their own laws in this regard.

This is an historic moment as the U.S. highlights the critical need to defend life and leads a coalition of nations to confront the international promotion of abortion.

Furthermore, thank you for highlighting survivors of religious persecution and encouraging other countries to join the International Religious Freedom Alliance at the first USUN event on Religious Persecution hosted by a president of the United States. How wonderful to see the U.S. lead the charge to advance religious freedom across the globe. Thank you for keeping our God-given rights the center of American foreign policy and international affairs.

Mr. Secretary, it is with great appreciation that we watch you lead the U.S. Department of State with strength, focus, and clarity on religious liberty, life, and the true empowerment of women abroad. We are grateful for your deep convictions and moral fortitude.

Sincerely,

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