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Dear Lili,

Thank you for sharing your idea for a large scale fundraising International Women's Day 2007 concert with international reach and appeal. We recognize the value of the WomenAID initiative, which holds the potential to raise public awareness in a major way on urgent international women's human rights and equality issues.

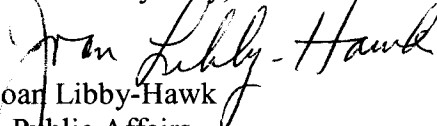
UNIFEM is the women's fund at the United Nations dedicated to advancing women's rights and achieving gender equality. UNIFEM works on the premise that it is the fundamental right of every woman to live a life free from discrimination and violence, and that gender equality is essential to achieving development and to building just societies. Because of our mission and mandate, we are very interested in helping to advance your proposal, and welcome further opportunities to contribute to its realization.

As you've explained, there are many details about the project to refine, but there are precedents for successful global music events, and with the right committee private sector partners, I am sure that the vision of multi-faceted programme in conjunction with a world class musical event on International Women's Day 2007 can be achieved.

I look forward to hearing more about your progress and discussing concrete plans for collaboration.

Thank you for including UNIFEM in the planning of this visionary event.

Yours very truly,

  
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