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Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Pelosi,

We are the members of 1325 Peace Club Korea working toward the goals established by the UN Security Council Resolution 1325. The UN Resolution includes articles calling on all parties to armed conflict to take special measures to protect women and girls from gender-based violence, emphasizing the responsibility of all states to put an end to impunity and prosecute those responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes including those related to sexual violence against women and girls, and stressing the need to exclude these crimes, where feasible from amnesty provision.

We appraise highly a historical meaning of the passage of the Resolution 121 with regard to 'comfort women' at the U.S House Committee on Foreign Affairs on June 26 and express our deepest respect and gratitude to Your Honorable Speaker, Rep. Michael Honda and all supporters in the House for making it happen. Needless to say, it would give a great hope to the survivors who have endured sufferings for such a long time and those who have worked for human rights and justice.

As you have expressed already, we do also want to see the U.S. House definitely pass the resolution soon. We strongly believe that its passage on the House will not only lift the suffering of the survivors but help bring justice by recognizing this grave human rights violation. Furthermore, it will contribute greatly to reconciliation and trust-building efforts among countries of East Asia, which will lead consequently to lasting peace in this region.

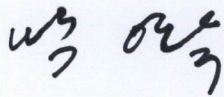
We do hope that the Japanese government would not intend to conceal the war crime under the umbrella of USA-Japan Military Alliance. It is known that Japan is exerting its efforts to promote human security, human rights, democracy, rule of law, as well as for being a supporter of the Security Council Resolution 1325. If that is the case, we strongly urge Japan that it takes this opportunity to admit their historical wrongdoings and take their responsibility properly. Only

then, Japan will be able to play a key role in opening a new era in Asia as a peace maker in the 21st century.

We extend our congratulations to American citizens for having you as the Speaker of the House of Representatives. And we sincerely hope that you will continue your active support for the passage of the Resolution on comfort women at the House of Representatives.

We offer our strong solidarity to you in bringing justice to the few remaining women who have survived the Japanese military atrocity.

Sincerely,



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