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Geraldine Ferraro

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To Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro,
c/- House of Representatives,
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.

WASHINGTON OFFICE

Dear Hon Ferraro,

Congratulations on your election to the position of Vice-President of the Democratic Party. As a woman and feminist, I am particularly delighted that your talents have been recognised and utilised.

We in New Zealand are looking anxiously at America's forthcoming elections, and at the pressure that the present political leaders are putting on Hon David Lange, our new Prime Minister to reconsider his and his party's stand on bringing legislation to make New Zealand a nuclear free zone. The peace question was one of the major issues facing the candidates in our recent elections, and we peace people believe that the large majority that Labour enjoyed, plus the substantial number of votes to the two minor parties, who also have positive peace/defence policies, was a reflection of public concern. Therefore, we urge American politicians to allow us to take responsibility for carrying through these important decisions without undue pressure and heavy handed tactics from beyond our borders. I believe that by declaring New Zealand nuclear free, we will be casting a stone into a nuclear free pond. Perhaps the ever-widening ripples may eventually reach your shores.

I note that you opposed funding for the MX missiles, the B-1B bomber, and the 'Star Wars' defense system. I commend you for this positive stand for peace.

Best wishes for your political career ahead - women in New Zealand and elsewhere, are delighted to have another fine role-model for themselves and their daughters.

Yours in peace and sisterhood,

[Redacted signature]