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## Letter from a Supporter in New Zealand to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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Riccarton  
Christchurch  
New Zealand

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WASHINGTON OFFICE

6th August 1984  
(Hiroshima Day)

Geraldine Ferraro  
312 Cannon Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Ms Ferraro,

I am writing on behalf of our local Peace Group to offer you our congratulations on your recent election as running partner of Mr Mondale. Many women here were very heartened by the decision. We were also pleased to hear Mr Mondale's remarks about New Zealand's recent announcement of policies promoting the establishment of a Nuclear -free -zone in NZ, and the stopping of future visits here by US Nuclear Warships. He seems to respect our right to make our own decisions about our defence, without interference from other States.

Over the past few weeks there has been a great deal of pressure from the United States, and from Australia for us to change our position. As a nuclear -free and base-free country we would be in a unique position, if we are allowed to go ahead with these policies, to take a strong lead in encouraging other states to declare N-free zones, to promote arms reductions and in the long term create a safer world for us all.

We hope that when you are elected to power in November, that your Government will continue to support peace initiatives like ours, internationally, and will take steps to freeze nuclear weapon development everywhere.

Best wishes for November,

Yours in Peace,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Mother of 3 small children)