



Embassy of the United States of America

Tallinn, Estonia
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Ms. Christina Bruning
President
Women's Business Exchange
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Dear Ms. Bruning,

Please allow me to extend the best wishes of the U.S. Embassy in Tallinn to Women's Business Exchange's *Across Cultures* project. I am impressed by the hard work that you have done in setting up this forum, which will address some of the most crucial concerns of U.S. foreign policy today, including the fight against Trafficking in Persons, reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS, trade relations, and women's rights around the world. Your commitment to building lasting relationships between successful Estonian businesswomen and businesswomen in Seattle is commendable.

I wish you and all the participants in this forum great success, and I hope and expect that the results of the forum will bear fruit for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Pekala".

Mark A. Pekala
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.