



## **Independent Women Supports the Confirmation of Senator Marco Rubio as Secretary of State**

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Dear Senators,

Independent Women, which advances policies that enhance opportunity and well-being, fully supports the confirmation of Senator Marco Rubio to serve as Secretary of State. President Trump deserves the team he wants so that he can carry out the directive given to him by the American people.

There is no question that Senator Rubio is incredibly qualified to serve as Secretary of State.

Through his experience as the senior member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and his personal story as the child of Cuban immigrants, Rubio understands the difficult foreign policy landscape that the United States must face and address head-on.

Senator Marco Rubio has long recognized the importance of women playing an integral role in resolving conflict and brokering peace agreements. He knows it is in the national security interest of the United States to have stable partners who recognize the fundamental rights of women. We are confident that Secretary Rubio will bring these principled beliefs with him to the State Department and around the world.

Independent Women had the opportunity to work with Senator Rubio on innovative solutions to provide paid time off for families in need. He clearly cares deeply about supporting families while protecting taxpayers. We're confident that he will bring this common sense conservatism and dedication to advancing American values while leading the State Department.

Independent Women is proud to support the nomination of such a qualified nominee to serve as Secretary of State. We urge senators to provide Senator

Marco Rubio with a fair and respectful hearing and to confirm him as Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

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Heather Higgins  
CEO  
*Independent Women's Voice*

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Carrie Lukas  
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