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Dear Terri and Shirley:

I am honored to endorse your local and national efforts to establish a Department of Peace. Our world is filled with injustice, hatred, fear, fear mongers and many who would use violence to solve humanity's problems rather than seek alternative ways of peace and non violent conflict resolution.

You and your many colleagues in the Department of Peace movement have demonstrated consistently that peace can and should be viable way to resolve the inevitable conflicts of our humanity. You model a spirituality of inclusiveness that values all persons and our shared human dignity.

HR 1673 is a historic piece of legislation embodying core principles to build a just peace in the world. A US Department of Peace would promote justice and democratic principles as a way to expand human rights. It would help strengthen non military means of peacemaking. It would work to prevent violence and develop new non violent means of intervention, mediation, and peaceful resolution of conflict. I am much honored to support these values.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. has said so eloquently: "Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." Your hard work helps drive out hate and build a world based on mutual respect, justice and ultimately love. I applaud you and am very glad to support your tireless labors.

May God continue to bless your hard work at building peace and justice in our world.

Sincerely,  
Timothy J. Schmaltz  
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