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Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to send greetings to everyone attending the launch of the Ballye Avery Endowed Professorship in Sexual & Reproductive Justice. This professorship honors the extraordinary life and legacy of Dr. Ballye Avery on her 88th birthday.

I am grateful to organizations like the City University of New York Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy (CUNY SPH) for their leadership and commitment to advancing equity, health, and justice. The creation of this endowed professorship and hub in Dr. Avery's name stands as a powerful testament to her groundbreaking work and lifelong dedication to ensuring that every person has the right to health, dignity, and self-determination.

Under the guidance of Provost Terry McGovern and the dedicated team at CUNY SPH, this initiative will serve as a vital center for scholarship, advocacy, and community engagement in sexual and reproductive justice. It will inspire future generations of public health leaders to continue the work of Dr. Avery, linking academic excellence with social transformation.

Please accept my best wishes for a joyful celebration and for continued success in advancing justice, equity, and health for all.

Sincerely,

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