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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To express the sense of Congress in support of women's economic rights in Asia.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 2736**

To develop a long-term strategic vision and a comprehensive, multifaceted, and principled United States policy for the Indo-Pacific region, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN

Viz:

1 On page 51, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:  
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3 **SEC. 309. SENSE OF CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S**  
4 **ECONOMIC RIGHTS.**

5 It is the sense of the Congress that the United States  
6 should—

7 (1) support activities that secure private prop-  
8 erty rights and land tenure for women in developing  
9 countries in Asia, including—

1           (A) establishing legal frameworks to give  
2 women equal rights to own, register, use, profit  
3 from, and inherit land and property;

4           (B) improving legal literacy to enable  
5 women to exercise the rights described in sub-  
6 paragraph (A); and

7           (C) increasing the capacity of law enforce-  
8 ment and community leaders to enforce such  
9 rights;

10          (2) work with Asian civil society, governments,  
11 and multilateral organizations to increase the capa-  
12 bility of disadvantaged women and girls in Asia—

13           (A) to realize their rights;

14           (B) to determine their life outcomes;

15           (C) to assume leadership roles; and

16           (D) to influence decision-making in their  
17 households, communities, and societies; and

18          (3) seek to expand access to appropriate finan-  
19 cial products and services for women-owned micro,  
20 small, and medium-sized enterprises in Asia.