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Mr. John Liu, School Board Member  
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Dear Mr. Lui & Friends:

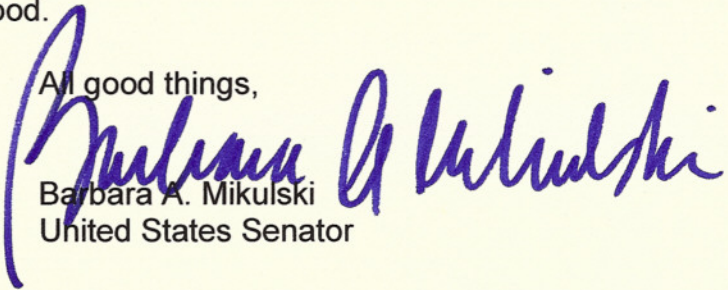
Greetings and Happy New Year to the members and guests of the Baltimore Chinese School, the Towson State University Chinese Student Association and the Association of Baltimore Chinese on the occasion of your eagerly anticipated Chinese New Year Celebration. I applaud the hard work of these important organizations in the creation of this event which promotes harmony among different cultural groups and shares the joy of the New Year.

Friends, it is always a great joy for me to join in the festivities for the Chinese New Year. This ancient annual celebration is just one example of the many rich traditions that Chinese Americans bring to the mosaic of ethnicities and cultures that is our great nation.

In this Year of the Rabbit, the emblem of endurance and longevity, we are reminded of this animal's traditional attributes of graciousness, good manners, sound counsel, kindness and sensitivity to beauty. Our friends born under this sign are quietly charismatic, thoughtful and persistent. They make good chess players and are capable of developing intricate strategies. But they are also tactful and considerate in dealing with others and therefore skilled and compassionate mediators.

Friends, it is a privilege to join with you to honor the vision you have for your future and the respect you have for those who came before. We welcome the New Year with all of its exciting challenges and rewards. Enjoy the spectacle of the lantern festival, the dragon dances, and the firecrackers. My message to you is one of peace, prosperity, good will, and brotherhood.

All good things,

  
Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator