



Advocacy Update

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Let's Talk Turkey

Yesterday, the National Women's Law Center, (NWLC), sent out an informational piece on myths and facts related to the super-committee's inability to come to an agreement on reduction of the federal deficit. Read this fact sheet in order to be prepared, if the subject of the failure of this special bi-partisan congressional committee comes up at your Thanksgiving festivities, to talk about what is at stake for women and families in the economy. Remember, Marcia Greenberger, the co-president of the NLWC, which champions "laws and policies that work for women and families," will be the recipient of WRJ's Dr. Jane Evans Pursuit of Justice Award at WRJ's 48th assembly. There is still time to register!

The Canadian Government Changes its Votes at the UN

On November 10, 2011, the government of Canada made a substantial change to its votes on Middle East resolutions at the United Nations (UN). These resolutions condemned Israel as an aggressor and did not mention the terror groups that continue to target Israeli civilians. With its votes, the government demonstrated that Canadians believe the UN should focus on peace and reconciliation - rather than taking a position that is "one-sided, unbalanced and does not address the complexities of the issues, nor seeks to address the true actions and responsibilities of all parties."

Please thank the Canadian government for taking this principled stand.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!