



UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 10, 2021

Dear Dr. Miller,

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you are honored as the recipient of the 2021 Avanzino Leadership Award. With your reputation as the mother of shelter medicine, it is clear why you are being honored with this award.

As a young child growing up in New York City, you knew that you wanted to be a veterinarian and help animals. Even when people told you that it wouldn't be possible you never stopped pursuing your dream. Your hard work paid off and you became the first black woman to graduate from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. With 40 years working in the animal welfare field, it is clear why you are so respected for your hard work and dedication to animals. I applaud you on all your accomplishments and the path you paved for other girls of color who dream of becoming a veterinarian.

Again, congratulations to you on this remarkable achievement, and best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles E. Schumer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senate