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Dear Director Wright:

Thank you for speaking at the Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM for Climate) Summit held in Washington, DC from May 8-10, 2023. Your willingness to do so was critical to the success of the event. Together with the co-lead of AIM for Climate, the United Arab Emirates, we are proud of what the Summit accomplished: namely, providing an international platform for AIM for Climate partners to increase investment in and support for climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation. This is in no small part due to your willingness to share your experiences and expertise on these topics. The Summit's breadth, depth and the announcements made during, illustrate this accomplishment vividly, including:

- Robust, inclusive and diverse programming across 7 high-level plenary sessions, 27 breakout sessions, 16 interactive exhibits, and 7 tours – supported by nearly 100 volunteers.
- Attendance by over 1,150 participants, representing over 260 AIM for Climate partner organizations, including 43 government delegations as well as policymakers, industry leaders, producers, civil society groups, scientists, and researchers.
- Announcement of \$13 billion increased investment in climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation by AIM for Climate partners, up from \$8 billion announced at COP27.
- Announcement of 21 innovation sprints – including two mega-sprints – bringing the total number to 51.
- Launch of the Innovation Commission for Climate Change, Food Security, and Agriculture by Nobel laureate Dr. Michael Kremer.
- Announcement of AgroSpace as the winner of the AIM for Climate Grand Challenge: Leveraging the Power of AI and Machine-Learning on their project, "Revolutionizing Remote Sensing for Food Security".

The Summit exceeded expectations. It was a historic achievement and even more importantly advanced AIM for Climate's goal and objectives. Thank you again for your meaningful participation in this historic event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Thomas J. Vilsack", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary