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Dear John,

On behalf of our colleagues at the U.S. Department of State, I want to thank you for your very fine leadership, insight, commitment and team spirit that contributed to the U.S. government's especially successful participation in the recently completed United Nation's Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) two-year cycle. Your involvement as a member of our negotiation team on African issues at the cycle's final meeting enabled our government to positively impact policy and programmatic outcomes. You demonstrated terrific professionalism in working with a number of domestic and international stakeholders to shape a final CSD document that, I believe, will serve for many years to come as the world's agricultural roadmap for sustainable development.

The U.S. government was well served by your efforts. It was a pleasure to work with you, and I hope that there will be opportunities for us to collaborate in the future.

With deep appreciation, and wishing you all the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Matuszak".

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