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Secretary Badenoch,

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Secretary of State for International Trade. We have worked closely with your predecessors in this role and look forward to working with you towards our shared goal of deepening the United States-United Kingdom economic relationship.

As you may know, strengthened U.S.-UK trade relations is a key priority for Congressional Republicans. We strongly supported U.S.-UK free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations during the Trump Administration and are urging the Biden Administration to reengage in ambitious trade negotiations, including with the UK. While an FTA may not presently be on the table, we have an opportunity to continue laying the groundwork in our respective countries and stand ready to work with you toward that goal.

It is no secret that there are many challenges ahead of us, including a Biden Administration that currently is not prioritizing international trade negotiations and concerns among Members of Congress over the Northern Ireland Protocol. We hope that these challenges can be overcome to pave the way for a gold-standard FTA that will set the U.S.-UK economic relationship on an upward trajectory while also advancing our shared goals of peace and stability.

Congratulations again on your new position, we look forward to hosting you in Washington, DC in the near future.

Sincerely,



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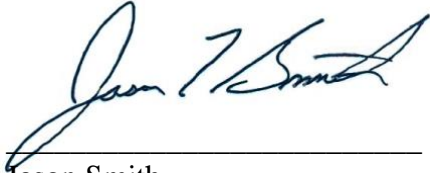
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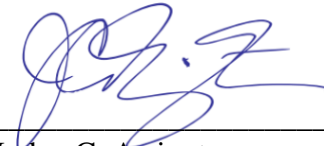
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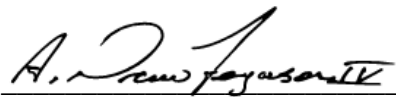
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