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The Honorable President Tsai Ing-wen Office of the President Republic of China (Taiwan)

Dear President Tsai,

I welcome this opportunity to extend warmest wishes to you and the people of Taiwan from Montana's grain producers.

Taiwan has historically been one of the top three purchasers of Montana wheat and we highly value the long-standing trade relationship between our two countries and the friendship between our people. Montana farmers take a lot of pride in meeting the needs of Taiwan's discerning millers, bakers and consumers with our high quality hard red spring, hard red winter and durum wheats.

Taiwan is also one of the top five destinations for U.S. barley and Montana farmers plant more acres of barley than any other state in the United States. Our exceptional malting barley makes an ideal ingredient for the brewing and food industries and we welcome expanded trade in that area.

We believe our country's leaders recognize the importance of our strong relationship with our honored customers in Taiwan and we will continue to make every effort to ensure that our partnership is fully supported.

We wish you and the citizens of Taiwan good health and prosperity!

Sincerely,

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