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Dear Ms. Canales:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as the United States Department of Agriculture's Administrator for the Rural Business and Cooperative Service. Such an accomplishment is a direct reflection of your efforts and leadership.

As Texas works to maintain its position as a leader in economic development, we are fortunate to have you and your staff seeking innovative ways to stimulate the economy in Texas and throughout the world. The Texas Department of Agriculture appreciates the productive partnership we enjoy with the United States Department of Agriculture, and I look forward to strengthening the Texas Department of Agriculture's relationship with you to benefit all Texans.

Again, congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Todd Staples

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