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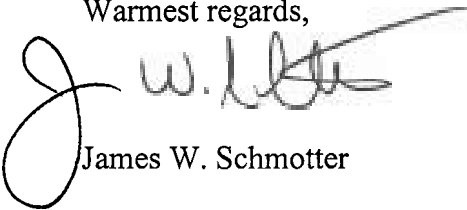
Dear Mr. Despines:

Thank you so much for an outstanding keynote presentation at last week's Connecticut State University System International Conference.

Your arguments were clear and compelling and were supported by accessible, relevant examples and by lucid graphics. I've seldom seen a more effective PowerPoint presentation on a large, complex subject like the one you took on here at Western Connecticut State University.

Your presentation was effective advocacy for the important message of the Friends of the Earth, and I know that the faculty and students in the audience will be moved to deeper contemplation and—hopefully—to action. Thank you again for being with us.

Warmest regards,



James W. Schmotter

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