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Dear Mr. Mickelson,

Thank you for your participation in the Briefing on Haiti which took place in the FAME Renaissance Center on August 7, 2010. Your impassioned remarks reflecting your personal attempts to impact the recovery efforts were an important part of the event. More people need to hear from firsthand observers about the deplorable conditions in the camps and throughout Port-Au-Prince.

From the panel of key stakeholders to the public in attendance, we are all appreciative of your assistance in keeping this critical issue alive. It is vitally important that all Americans continue the struggle to not only relieve the misery of the Haitian people but also to contribute to the rebuilding of a stronger Haiti, through the construction of homes, schools, businesses, health clinics, water systems, hospitals, and other infrastructure projects. Those of us who care must work to improve oversight over the distribution of U.S. foreign aid and insist on strong democratic governance in Haiti. African Americans in particular should never forget that Haiti was the first republic ruled by people of African descent, just one reason why it deserves a special place in our hearts.

Sincerely,



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