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Board of Directors
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Dear Board of Directors,

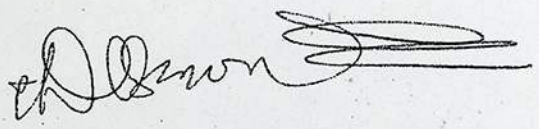
I am honored to accept a position on your International Board of Advisors. Thank you for this opportunity to, once again, publicly declare my commitment to ending modern slavery. As you know, my heart has been in this struggle for decades. If there is one abuse that offends our conscience in every way, it is the enslavement of a human being. No child should be born without hope; no person should live without freedom.

With Free the Slaves' rapid growth and compelling message, the modern anti-slavery movement has grown from a few dedicated voices to a robust chorus demanding that slavery must end. Now that you have linked the United States into the global anti-slavery movement, this chorus includes many dedicated and generous Americans who are making a tangible difference in the lives of slaves around the world. Slavery is calling for its own end. We must answer that call.

As we build our global connections in the struggle against slavery, I hope we can unite around Free the Slaves' principles of working closely with those whose rights we seek to defend, and using methods which bring sustainable change. I join with you to call not only for the liberation of slaves, but also for a commitment to ensuring that no one who is freed ever falls back into slavery. I share your conviction that sustainable freedom means former slaves must be guaranteed safety for themselves and their families, a chance to earn their own living, and the ability to exercise their full rights as human beings.

It is my great pleasure to support Free the Slaves in your sound research, targeted advocacy, and direct support of grassroots anti-slavery groups around the world. I don't want to live in a world with slavery. Thankfully, this generation has the opportunity and the power to bring slavery to an end. Even one small act by each of us can lead to significant changes. I pledge myself to freedom for all slaves.

God bless you



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