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HILLARY R. CLINTON
DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

On November 8th, the American people will choose the next President of the United States of America. I am sure that the electoral process will be one of vibrant debate, contrast of ideas and intense citizen participation, honoring the great democratic tradition of America.

As I said a few weeks ago in the White House, when I had the privilege of meeting with my good friend President Barack Obama, it is not my role to judge the current electoral process in the U.S. Rather, my role is to keep strengthening the positive partnerships between the U.S. and Mexico, regardless of the electoral outcome. I reiterate to you and Mr. Donald Trump my utmost respect and wish the brightest future for your great country.

The United States is very important for Mexico, and Mexico is very important for the United States. We share the busiest border in the world, crossed legally every day by more than one million people and over 437,000 vehicles. More than 6 million U.S. jobs depend directly on our bilateral trade, ranging from manufacturing to technology and now even to energy, as a result of Mexico's recent energy reform. Our countries trade over

half a trillion dollars each year. We innovate and produce together. From automobiles that cross eight times our border in the process of production, to smartphones and computers; from beer to state-of-the-art aerospace components. On average, 40% of the content in Mexican exports is made in the United States. This means that 40 cents of every dollar spent on Mexican goods anywhere in the world supports U.S. jobs. This is good for businesses and families on both sides of the border.

Mexico buys more from the United States than France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain and the United Kingdom combined. And, on matters of national security, active cooperation on a daily basis between our governments is increasingly important for both our countries to face the challenges of a complex world.

The next President of the United States will find in Mexico and its government, a neighbor willing to work constructively to further strengthen the relationship between our nations and to face our common challenges.

I strongly believe that great opportunities lie ahead of us, if we decide to seize them together as true friends, good neighbors and strategic allies. While we may not agree on every issue, I am confident that we can be even more prosperous and secure than ever before, if we move forward together, without losing sight of the fact that freedom and independence are the indispensable foundations of all that we cherish.

Any close relationship needs to be reexamined and renewed every once in a while. We should always be open to

discuss what has worked and what has not. How can we improve things for both sides? How can we clear up misperceptions and understand each other better? Therefore, it would be a great honor to meet with you again and talk about the common future of our nations, as we did when we had a long and very positive conversation in my office in Mexico back in 2014. For this purpose, I have instructed the Secretary of Foreign Relations to contact your office.

If geography has made us neighbors, it is common values and shared interests that weld the robust alliance between Mexico and the United States. We will keep working to cement a partnership based on mutual trust, respect and understanding. Mexico will continue working shoulder to shoulder with the United States by choice. We are fully committed to keep working with the next U.S. Administration, in good faith and with a high spirit. This is a conviction, for we are stronger and more prosperous together.

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