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Dear Friends:

While I regret that I am unable to be with you in person, I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone gathered in Cheyenne for R-CALF USA's 17th Annual Convention; I am especially grateful for this opportunity to discuss the issues facing cattle and sheep producers and rural communities all across America that are near and dear to my heart.

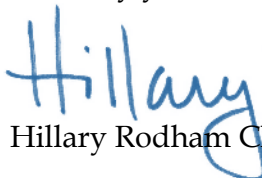
America's rural communities are at the heart of what makes our country great, but too often you aren't reaping the rewards of our nation's economic success – despite your critical role in our economy. If I am so fortunate to serve as president, I will support family farms by increasing funding to support the next generation of farmers and ranchers in local food markets and regional food systems, and by creating a focused safety net to help family farms get through challenging times. I will promote clean energy by assisting farms that conserve and improve our natural resources, and by strengthening the Renewable Fuel Standard and doubling loans that help support the bio-based economy. I will spur investment by creating a national infrastructure bank to improve rural transportation and broadband access, and help grow the rural economy by expanding access to capital. And I will also expand the New Markets Tax Credit that will prevent communities from spiraling downward after a major economic shift.

When it comes to trade, as president, I will pursue smarter, fairer, tougher policies that put U.S. job creation first and get tough on nations that seek to prosper at the expense of our workers. This includes opposing trade deals, like the Trans-Pacific Partnership, that do not meet the high bar of creating good-paying jobs and raising pay. I am committed to a full-employment, full-potential economy where we break down barriers so that growth, jobs, and prosperity are shared in every community.

Please know that I am proud to stand with you, and that I am sending my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive convention.

With warm wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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