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Mr. Richard Anderson, President
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Richard
Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am pleased to offer my most sincere thanks and congratulations for your hard work on the International Appalachian Trail. Your vision and leadership have resulted in steady progress on North America's only long-distance, international hiking trail. You should be tremendously proud of your accomplishments.

This trail system is a wonderful example of collaboration among volunteers, landowners, conservation organizations, outdoor enthusiasts and all levels of government. When completed, it will not only cross rivers, mountains and forests – but it will also cross boundaries to unite an international community in the grandeur of our common landscapes.

Because of your tremendous efforts, generations of United States and Canadian citizens will be able to enjoy our natural splendor. You are a true visionary and, on behalf of the people of Maine, I thank you for your involvement.

Sincerely

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