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Ambassador Susan C. Schwab
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
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Dear Ambassador Schwab:

On behalf of Cargill I would like to congratulate you and the rest of the USTR team on the conclusion of the U.S.-Vietnam WTO accession agreement. USTR has worked hard over the past years to negotiate bilateral agreements with WTO Members, and this agreement with Vietnam is one of the best that we have seen.

Cargill has had a positive experience in Vietnam since 1995 when relations between the two countries were normalized. This agreement demonstrates Vietnam's willingness to continue down the path of economic liberalization, and in that context, Cargill is committed to helping Vietnam further develop its agri-food industry.

The tariff and market access concessions in the agreement will create new opportunities for exports of high quality, competitively priced U.S. agricultural products to Vietnam. Of great importance in the agreement is the commitment that Vietnam has made on eliminating restrictions on trading and distribution rights for U.S. businesses operating in and trading with Vietnam. That commitment alone has the potential to change the shape of U.S. investment in Vietnam and will solidify the link between the two countries' agri-food sectors. We look forward to bringing Vietnam under the umbrella of the rules-based WTO system.

Ambassador, again, I applaud the hard work of you and your colleagues at USTR. We extend special congratulations to Dorothy Dwoskin, Assistant USTR for WTO and Multilateral Affairs, and her accomplished team for seeing this through to the end.

Cargill is committed to engaging the United States Congress to ensure swift passage of permanent normal trade relations with Vietnam, and we look forward to Vietnam's accession to the World Trade Organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren R. Staley".

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