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Ms. Brenda Foster  
President  
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Dear Ms. Foster:

I am writing to inform you of my strong support for United States' representation at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo in China, and I hope you will give your support as well. The Shanghai Expo offers an unprecedented opportunity for U.S. companies and organizations to hoist their flags in one of the most important centers of world commerce and cultural exchange. From May to October 2010, the Expo will be attended by an expected audience of 70 million visitors, over 60 million of whom are expected to come from China. As you know, we have authorized Shanghai Expo 2010, led by Mr. Nick Winslow and Ms. Ellen Eliasoph, to raise funds to design and build a U.S. pavilion. I urge you to support this effort.

I believe that it is crucial for the United States to be present along with the other 180 nations participating in this major global event with its environmental theme of "Better City, Better Life." The U.S. presence at the Expo will showcase American business, culture, and values in China's most dynamic city and foster an even stronger friendship between the American and Chinese peoples. Our national pavilion will also demonstrate America's commitment to renewing its leadership in the Asia-Pacific region and to a forward-looking, positive relationship with China.

I hope that you will strongly consider joining us in this important endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

  
Hillary Rodham Clinton