



January 17, 2017

The Honorable Bob Corker
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
423 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Corker:

We write to you today in support of President-elect Trump's nominee for the U.S. Ambassador to China, Terry Branstad.

Not only does Governor Branstad have the necessary policy expertise, he has a longstanding personal and professional relationship with President Xi Jinping. This unique bond will only add to Governor Branstad's effectiveness in his new role.

As governors, we understand the necessary skills and knowledge needed to successfully run and represent a state. As America's longest serving Governor, Governor Branstad has shown strong and effective leadership for more than 20 years. His extensive experience in international trade, economic development, and agriculture policy makes him a strong choice to represent the United States in Beijing.

We have great confidence in our fellow governor, Terry Branstad. He has represented the people of Iowa honorably for more than 20 years and there is little doubt he will do the same as America's next Ambassador to China. We look forward to working with Governor Branstad in his new capacity.

Sincerely,

Governor Scott Walker
Wisconsin

Governor Robert Bentley
Alabama

Governor Douglas A. Ducey
Arizona



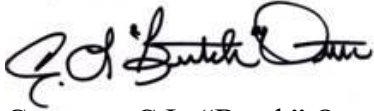
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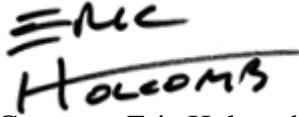
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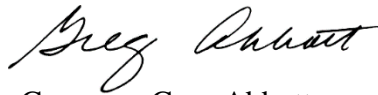
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