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Dr. Albert La Torra  
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Dear Dr. La Torra:

I am writing to commend you for the wonderful work you are doing to help the people of Haiti. Thanks to your compassion and concern, many people who would not otherwise have access to health care are receiving the treatment they need to go about their daily lives and continue raising their families. In such a very poor nation, where even the food necessary for sustenance is often difficult to obtain, decent medical care is paramount to the prevention of total chaos.

I know how grateful the people you and your colleague and friend, Dr. Larsen, are helping are, and I share their gratitude. You are an excellent role model. You are the kind of person to whom we can all point with respect and admiration. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to make our world a better place. I'm very proud of you!

Sincerely,

Alcee L. Hastings  
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