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Sharon Sayles Belton
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Dear Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton,

Thanks for the invitation to attend your wonderful celebration -- the partnership of Thomson Reuters with Books For Africa in sending this year the 100th reference law library to an African legal recipient. That is really an accomplishment and I so wish I could be with you to celebrate. Unfortunately, I have to be in D.C. on December 10th so this letter of applause and appreciation will have to suffice.

I have known and admired the work of Books For Africa ("BFA") for over 25 years. Lane Ayres and I would often talk about BFA when we happened to be in the same courtroom waiting for our cases to be called. When I became a Congressman I served on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and on the Subcommittee on Africa. I made several trips to African countries during that time, and on every single trip I carried as many boxes of BFA books as they would let me. I get excited again just thinking of some of those experiences...handing out books to kids in rural areas in Tanzania, Liberia, Egypt, Tunisia, Egypt and other countries.

In September of 2008 I jumped at the opportunity to announce, at Books For Africa's 20th Anniversary Gala, the formation of the partnership between BFA and Thomson Reuters to send core law libraries to African law schools, bar associations and other legal entities. It was an honor to say that Kofi Annan and Walter Mondale would head up the Advisory Board for this new endeavor named after Federal Judge Jack Mason. I announced during my remarks that the first shipment of this new project was leaving the next week, for the law school in Monrovia, Liberia to help rebuild that war-torn country's legal system.

Two years later, in July of 2010, as a member of the House Democracy Partnership Commission delegation to Liberia, I was at their Parliament when we dedicated a Thomson Reuters law library they had just received. And now, as Attorney General of Minnesota, I'm proud to be a member of the program's Advisory Board.

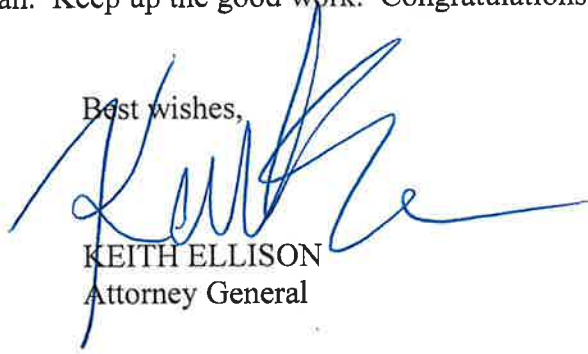
Thanks to all the Thomson Reuters employees who have worked to make this program so successful. You are to be commended for your philanthropic efforts. To have sent over 100 law libraries to court systems, Parliaments, Women's Legal Organizations in addition to law schools

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and bar associations is quite an accomplishment! By your efforts and your donation of books, and time and money, you have helped in concrete ways to further the rule of law across Africa.

I'm here to help you in any way I can. Keep up the good work. Congratulations!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith Ellison", written over the typed name.

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