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Dear Dr. Moore-Merrell:

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As we reflect on the conclusion of the inaugural World Fire Congress, we are compelled to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation both to the United States Fire Administration (USFA) and yourself for your exemplary hosting and organizational efforts during this historic gathering.

Over the past two days, representatives from 55 nations convened in Washington, D.C., underscoring our shared commitment to advancing the global fire service network. Your leadership in bringing together such diverse groups to address the pressing challenges facing our communities was nothing short of inspirational.

Serving on the Steering Committee for this landmark event was an immense honor for our organization. We are very proud of having successfully engaged fire services from Latin America and the Caribbean, ensuring their valuable perspectives and insights were well represented.

We must also express our profound appreciation for the exceptional work done by the entire team at USFA, particularly noting the contributions of Lamar Gonzalez Medlock, International Affairs Director. Mrs. Gonzalez Medlock's expertise in international affairs has been invaluable, ensuring that our dialogues were impactful and far-reaching. The professionalism and dedication exhibited by your team played a pivotal role in the event's success.

As we look towards the next World Fire Congress in 2026, the expectations are indeed high, but we are confident that with the continued involvement and shared efforts of our institutions, we are well poised to exceed them.

Thank you once again for your dedication, hospitality, and leadership. We eagerly anticipate our continued collaboration as we strive to enhance fire safety and emergency services worldwide. Best regards,

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