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Thomas/Laura-

Last week, Angolan Ambassador Joaquim do Espirito Santo sent the attached letter to your bosses thanking them for their work on the issue of demining. I know mail into the Capitol always gets delayed, and I'm sure that it is even more true now with COVID-19, so wanted to make sure you received electronically.

Squire Patton Boggs and I both work on behalf of the Angolan Government and are registered under FARA.

Please know that we greatly appreciate the work you both have done to champion this issue. If we can ever be a resource on Angola, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Dear Representatives Speier and Johnson,

On behalf of the Angolan Government, I write to offer our profound gratitude for your continued support of demining efforts in Angola and around the world. President João Lourenço and I share your commitment to this cause and greatly appreciate the time and resources you have devoted to raising the profile of this issue with your fellow lawmakers in Congress.

As you noted in a letter to your colleagues earlier this year, Angola's efforts to clear landmines are ongoing. We are proud of the progress we have made working together with the United States, the HALO Trust, Mines Advisory Group and others, and we look forward to the day we can officially declare our country free of landmines.

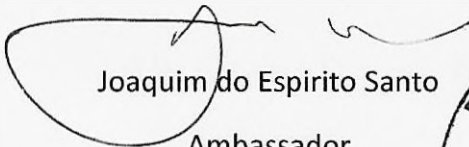
Achieving our goal of clearing all landmines in Angola by 2025 will greatly benefit our country. It will have an immediate positive effect on the health and well-being of Angola's people, especially those in regions most affected by these weapons. It will also help unlock the Angola's true economic potential for generations to come. Indeed, a landmine-free Angola will provide greater opportunities for our tourism sector to grow, our domestic agricultural production to flourish, and our realization of the "New Angola" envisioned by President Joao Lourenço.

Once Congress returns to regular business, I hope to have the opportunity to thank you in person for your important work and commitment to the Congressional Unexploded Ordnance and

Demining Caucus. I also hope I can accompany you in the future on a trip to Angola to show you first-hand the tremendous progress we have made thanks to our combined efforts.

Thank you again, and please accept my sincere hope that you, your staff, and your friends and family are staying safe and healthy during these challenging times.

Sincerely yours,


Joaquim do Espirito Santo
Ambassador

