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Josh, Abby,

On behalf of my firm and Hon. Phil English, Co-Chairman of our Government Relations Practice Group, I am writing to request a meeting between Congressman Smith and His Excellency Ibrahima Touré, the Ambassador of Côte d'Ivoire to the United States. Ambassador Touré is seeking to enter a dialogue with the Congressman regarding international trade and security issues central to the relationship between our two countries. Aware of Congressman's interest in these issues and in the region of West Africa more generally, Ambassador Touré can provide important facts and insights that can help to inform the Senator about matters of vital interest to the United States.

As you undoubtedly know, Côte d'Ivoire has been a long-time reliable ally of the United States with shared interests and values. The United States is an important trading partner for the country, which exports cacao (and is the largest cacao producer in the world), gold, assorted minerals, including rare minerals of such great importance to our own economy, and oil. The Ambassador would welcome the opportunity to brief you about the opportunities to develop closer ties between his nation and ours, as well as about his country's Presidential election. He is also eager to discuss matters of trade, *particularly the expiration of AGOA's trade preference program* as well as security, which are so critical to the stability of the entire African continent.

Ambassador Touré will be joined by members of our ArentFox Schiff team. We appreciate your consideration and welcome any additional questions that you might have in anticipation of an informative and productive meeting. Please do not hesitate to reach out for additional details. I look forward to hearing back from you at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration at a busy time.

Best Regards,

Dan Sjostedt



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