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Dear Professor/CEO Dr. Kuofie:

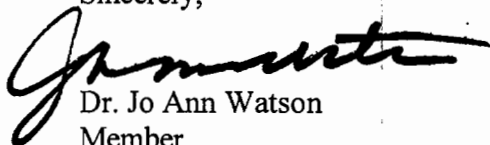
As a member of the Detroit City Council, I am pleased and privileged to extend my enthusiastic endorsement in support of the 1st Annual USA-Africa International Business Conference, which you will convene on November 29th-30th, 2007 at the Marriott Hotel in the Renaissance Center, Downtown Detroit.

I salute your theme: "Harnessing the Expertise of Business Professionals, Academics and Government Officials for Economic Development", and I am eager to work with you and your colleagues to broaden opportunities for trade, economic development and investments in the Continent of Africa, the Caribbean and throughout the United States; with special initiatives in Detroit and the State of Michigan.

Thank you for inviting me to participate in your 1st Annual USA-Africa International Business Conference as a luncheon keynote speaker on November 30th; I look forward to our collaborative efforts to address important issues such as the Automotive industry, Energy, Agriculture, IT, Health, Robotics, Research, Education, Tourism, Entrepreneurship and population growth.

Finally, I invite you to share updates with Members of the Detroit City Council and with our constituents from time to time, as we all work together on behalf of stronger international business linkages. Best wishes for a successful conference!

Sincerely,



Dr. Jo Ann Watson
Member
Detroit City Council