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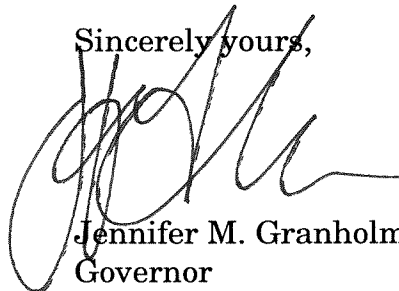
Dear Friends:

It is a privilege to welcome you all to the first annual USA-African International Business Conference sponsored by Global Strategic Management, Inc.

I am pleased you have chosen the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit for this important conference. I commend you for focusing on countries that are embarking on international business opportunities, and working to propel American businesses to the forefront of African and Caribbean markets. There is no doubt that the connections made at this important conference will contribute to vibrant and healthy economic collaborations between America and Africa and the Caribbean.

Again, welcome and my very best wishes as you work to bring together America with African and Caribbean businesses through business, trade and investment missions.

Sincerely yours,



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor