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Niagara Foundation
205 North Michigan Avenue
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Dear Friends:

I wish to commend the efforts of the individuals and organizations being honored by the Niagara Foundation for their service to humanity.

The Niagara Foundation’s annual Peace and Dialogue Awards ceremony emphasizes Chicago’s multicultural heritage and the importance of universal human values. By working together, honoring our differences, and celebrating the values we hold in common, we can build stronger bonds between cultures and people. The individuals and institutions selected by the Niagara Foundation to this year’s awards have all demonstrated their commitment to reducing the barriers that divide people and cultures.

The Niagara Foundation’s commitment to shared human values such as understanding, tolerance, respect, compassion, and human dignity is exemplary. Their efforts to bring people together are a valuable contribution to our city, state, and society.

Congratulations to all the recipients and thank you for your continued commitment to working to bring our global society together.

Sincerely,

John J. Cullerton
President of the Illinois State Senate