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Dear Mr. Ingraham:

I would like to take a moment to commend you and your organization. The success of your efforts as noted by organizations both in the United States and internationally in developing and implementing HIV/ AIDS education, prevention and awareness program is outstanding.

And now as you move to assist African countries in forging trade and business relationships with companies here in the United States, we stand ready, willing and anxious to work with you to connect businesses and craftspeople with our businesses in New Jersey. As we are well aware, if we are to effectively address HIV/ AIDS, disease and health concerns, we all must do what we can to reduce poverty by providing meaningful skills, literacy, trade and market access to the people of Africa.

New Jersey Commerce's market research indicates a wealth of opportunities for its businesses to penetrate these emerging global markets. Among those with the strongest immediate potential are Information technology, *telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, environmental services, agriculture, cellular telephony, computer software and services, Eco-tourism, security and safety equipment, chemicals mining and minerals.*

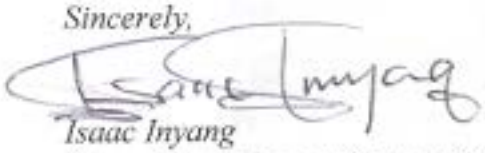
New Jersey is ranked 8th among all states in volume of exports to world markets. During the past fiscal year, the state exported $26 billion worth of goods worldwide. In terms of foreign direct investment, New Jersey ranks as the 8th largest state with $35.4 billion.

At the New Jersey Department of Commerce, we recognize the great potential that Africa and its many countries have to offer. We are already planning a Trade Mission to Ghana and South Africa, certainly we would be pleased to work with you, COMESA/ FEMCOM and the African and American Business Woman's Alliance to consider additional countries and missions.
We are especially pleased to see that the G8 thought so much of your program that the Digital Opportunity Taskforce for ICT presented the CAR Project as a fundable solution at their most recent G8 Summit in Canada. It is good to see that you have identified a focused area within the

COMESA region, where your CAR Project could be deployed. The idea of using technology actually brings our markets much closer together. The issue of the time difference and great distance is rendered to being almost a non-issue.

Please accept this letter as the committed support of the New Jersey Department of Commerce for your efforts and the promise that we will work with you to make the CAR Project in Malawi, Zambia, Kenya and Uganda a true and meaningful New Jersey partnership.

Sincerely,



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