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Dear Bill,

I want to thank you and your firm for your enduring commitment to the issue of hunger. You have strengthened Food Banks all across this country at a time when hunger is on the rise. Your personal commitment of time and resources is most impressive. As someone who is growing older, it is gratifying to know that you and so many young folks like you are pushing on so many fronts to improve the quality of life for people struggling to survive. Thank you for being who you are. Thank you for what you do. Thank you for what you make possible.

Linnea Miron, a young woman, in your office in Baltimore, is an incredibly talented and tenacious young lady who has demonstrated a tremendous drive, while working for the greater good of our community. Her effort has made it possible for us to acquire a 132,000 sq. ft. building on 8.6 acres in northeast Washington. We now own the building. There were enormous obstacles to overcome, she dug in, pursued doggedly and with incredibly meticulous, detailed work conquered every roadblock. The process was lengthy, arduous and time consuming. There will be a star in heaven named for her and that of DLA Piper, and that star will forever shine in people's lives here in Washington. I do believe that the good that people do lives forever after, and has impact in ways that are not possible to comprehend and quantify at the moment they happen.

I must also mention the tremendous support we have had from William Minor & Karen Regan in our efforts to obtain earmarked money through the DC appropriations process. They have been most helpful in guiding our request for DC appropriations money and helped to open doors on Capitol Hill for us. It goes without saying, but we are also indebted to Carl Vacketta, who has helped to make all this possible with his representation on our Board and the wonderful expertise he brings to our decision making process.

How do I adequately say thank you. I baked some peach pies last year for Will Smith and Frank Connelly and brought their office a bushel of delicious Sun High Peaches when they were in season. However, you're too far away for pies and bushels of peaches, so right now a heartfelt thank you will have to do.

The gratitude that we have for being able to obtain a larger, more serviceable, warehouse that will offer greater efficiencies and the ability for us to be more creative in serving our agencies and developing our programs is too great to express in words. The impact of DLA Piper is significant and will be remembered in a most appropriate way in our new facility. When you are in town please come for a visit and see what you are making possible.

Warmest regards,
Lynn Brantley
President & CEO