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The Honorable David C. Miller
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Dear Ambassador Miller,

We are pleased to hear that the Diplomatic Studies Foundation continues to do important work improving our nation's diplomatic capabilities. We both firmly believe that vibrant and skilled diplomacy is critical to advance our national and economic security, and that the State Department must be supported and strengthened.

Your Foundation's focus on the education and training of our diplomats is especially welcomed. In our 2019 Department of State Authorization Act (H.R. 3352), we note that "the Department is a crucial national security agency, whose employees, both Foreign and Civil Service, require the best possible training at every stage of their careers to prepare them to promote and defend the United States national interests and the health and safety of United States citizens abroad." We applaud your efforts thus far, and encourage you to continue your mission of bolstering State Department education and training, including your Foreign Service Institute Area Studies fellowship program, and the launch of the State Department-Congressional seminar series, which builds helpful bridges across the two branches of government.

We also look forward to hearing from DSF as you launch your SMU business school initiative. It is very important that our diplomats have access to top-notch insights by the American business community. The Peace Game simulation that you will launch next year is another promising training initiative.

Thank you for your contributions to bettering U.S. diplomacy. We look forward to receiving a future briefing on Foundation activities.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael T. McCaul in blue ink.

MICHAEL T. McCAUL
Ranking Member
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