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Bob Riley  
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Dear Governor Riley,

On the occasion of the Chinese Lunar New Year, I would like to send through you my sincere greetings to all the governors in the southern region of the United States. I also wish the Winter Business Meeting of the Southern Governors' Association a great success.

On behalf of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), I would like to invite you to lead a SGA delegation to visit China in the coming June. CPAFFC will invite some governors from the southern provinces of China to meet the delegation in a southern city, and discuss how to better govern provinces and states, how to better serve the people, and how to strengthen cooperation between American southern states and Chinese southern provinces. Given the similar geographic features, climate and development challenges, I am sure the meeting will be inspirational to both sides. Besides that, I suggest the delegation meet officials of the Chinese central government in Beijing, and get a glimpse of the brilliant Chinese ancient civilization in the city of Xi'an.

CPAFFC also plans to organize a delegation of southern governors from China to visit the States and attend SGA's annual meeting in August. I believe that the exchange of visits will further strengthen our friendship and effectively boost our cooperation in all areas.

The key to relations between our two countries lies in the friendship of our two peoples, and local government at state or province level can play an indispensable part in this regard, since it is the local government that takes care of the wellbeing of our people. I sincerely hope that we together can contribute to a long-term and growing relationship to the benefit of our two peoples.

I look forward to meeting you in Beijing soon!

Best regards,

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