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Hi all,

Time flies. After seven fantastic years, I'm leaving USAID this week.

It's been a privilege to help grow, and then lead, CII. Much of our work bringing innovation and business-minded thinking to USAID's Bureau for Global Health wouldn't have been possible without your partnership. So, thank you for being an important part of this journey.

While I'm proud of all we've done together, I'm prouder of the team who will take this work forward. The adage "*Sit with winners... The conversation is different*" says it all when I think of my colleagues at CII. With a combination of high IQ and EQ, optimism, and the resilience needed to do what we do inside USAID, these GSD winners have inspired me every day. I often note (half-jokingly) that I would never be able to get a job at CII today. The CII brand, culture, and work are bringing in new skill-sets and mind-sets to USAID. This is so important if we, as a global health community, want to be positioned to solve tomorrow's problems with tomorrow's solutions.

I leave knowing CII is in good hands and poised for even bigger stuff with Amy Lin being well positioned to take the reins. In addition to her general greatness, she would bring an important renewed energy to the work we do.

Above all, I hope you'll continue to support CII as it moves to bigger and better things ahead.

Thanks for all.

Dave