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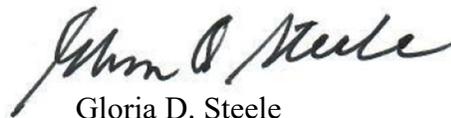
Dear Dr. Keenum:

Thank you for sharing the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development's (BIFAD) report, *How the United States Benefits from Agricultural and Food Security Investments in Developing Countries*, along with the policy briefs.

I am so pleased that the BIFAD report's analysis of the various positive impacts of U.S. agricultural and food-security investments both for Americans and in aid-recipient countries strongly validates the work of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID strongly supports the report's recommendation that foreign agricultural assistance be sustained to strengthen agricultural and food systems in developing countries. By addressing acute needs as well as the root causes of hunger, poverty, and malnutrition, USAID is strengthening prosperity and security while demonstrating U.S. generosity around the world. USAID's programs draw on America's strength in agriculture and bring benefits back to the United States as well.

USAID is committed to its support of, and collaboration with, U.S. land-grant universities and BIFAD, and we look forward to continued work with you.

Sincerely,



Gloria D. Steele