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Mr. John Kerry
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Dear Mr. Kerry:

We couldn't help but notice that you like to travel. So we wanted to extend an invitation to visit us here in Missouri and get a taste for life in the heartland. In the space of a day or two, you can visit Cuba, Mexico, New Madrid, Odessa, Paris, Sparta, Troy, Vienna, Warsaw, Westphalia, Windsor and Versailles (local tip, we still pronounce the "L" here) - all without leaving the state. You won't even need a fancy private jet.

If you took the time to tour and meet the hard-working people of Missouri, many of whom earn a living on the farm, it might change your perspective a bit. These farms represent Missourians' livelihoods and legacies. You recently called for dramatic government regulation of agriculture in the name of "climate change", stating, "**You just can't continue to warm the planet, while also expecting to feed it. It doesn't work. So we have to reduce emissions from the food system.**"

You go on to say that you are confident in these plans "**Because scientists ... have told us these are the consequences...**" Now

with all of your traveling on your private jet, you may not have come across the lawsuit Missouri currently has against the Biden Administration, aptly named *Missouri v. Biden*. We won't get into all the details here but suffice it to say, it involves another harebrained plan by "doctors" like Anthony Fauci and Francis Collins to take away our Constitutional liberties in the name of "science." You can understand why Missourians might be skeptical when coastal elites start preaching under the vague term "science."

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of our state, and are vital to the economic health of our nation. They are honest, hard-working citizens whose job is never done. They rise with the sun and work long after it sets to put food on Americans' tables, including yours. Your statements clearly demonstrate your lack of understanding of these values.

Farmers are the original conservationists. They care for the land because it is their home and in many cases, it is a sacred trust handed down to them from their parents and grandparents. Missouri farmers don't need lectures or mandates from a globe-trotting bureaucrat thousands of miles away to get them to preserve our land.

We are writing to remind you that they don't call us the "Show-Me State" for nothing. Missourians recognize that when coastal elites have a "great idea" on how things "ought to be done", it always ends poorly. We aren't impressed by east-coast elites telling us how to think and what to do.

Missouri has already fought and won against the Biden Administration's overreaching Waters of the United States rule that attempted to destroy Missourians' way of life in a massive land grab. Missouri will continue to stand up against radical environmental regulations coming out of Washington, including your latest plan to attack our farmers and ranchers.

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We hope that you will take seriously our invitation to come and meet with us, so that you can see exactly what it is we're fighting for: the farmers who are the very foundation of our great nation.

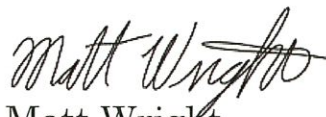
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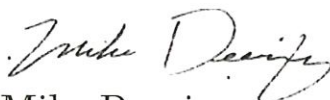
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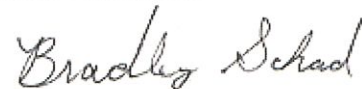
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