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Dear Mr. Ingraham:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the Africa Brain Trust during the Congressional Black Caucus' 32nd Annual Legislative Conference on Friday, September 13, 2002 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Rooms 10-12 of the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. The Africa Brain Trust is part of the CBC Annual Legislative Conference which attracts approximately 30,000 people from diverse backgrounds to Capitol Hill. It is a forum for dialogue between Congressional Black Caucus members, national and international leaders, non-governmental organizations, and constituents from various congressional districts.

The Africa Brain Trust serves as a meeting of the minds to increase awareness of Africa through discussing progress, potential, and problems that face the continent. The hope is that heightened awareness will develop a stronger constituency for Africa on a number of levels: to enhance policy legislation, engender new ways to more effectively address the HIV/AIDS pandemic, increase foreign investment and trade, and to keep the agenda of Africa's sustainable development on the map. This year the Brain Trust will consist of three panels, including: *Democracy and Conflict Resolution*, *Economic Development and the Challenge of HIV/AIDS*, and *U.S. Foreign Assistance and Constituency Building*.

The work of your company, *ResourceLinC*, has caught the attention of my office as your commitment to excellence in the areas of HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness play an integral role in the larger effort to fight the most fatal war yet that our world is faced with. Given your dedication to the cause of addressing the pandemic in Africa, and as the Ranking member of the Africa Subcommittee, I believe your participation in this year's Brain Trust that includes a discussion on the role of public/private partnerships, would add to the event.

I applaud the success and international recognition you have received for your work in fighting HIV/AIDS and am proud to have *ResourceLinC* in the state of New Jersey. I encourage you to continue in this important and daunting struggle to improve and save lives from the scourge of HIV/AIDS through education and ever-new technology.

Sincerely,



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