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Can't wait - we will take good care of you.

Best
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From: ileana [REDACTED]
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Yleem Poblete <yleem.pobleteIR@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Sat Jan 08 10:50:10 2011
Subject: Re: Haiti: this is ileana ros-lehtinen

Dear Cheryl: the foreign affairs cmtee staff director, dr. yleem poblete, informs me that I am set to go to haiti on tues!

I fly american airlines flight # 0377 that leaves miami at 7:35am + arrives at port au prince at 9:35am.

Someone from your shop will pick me up there + take me to the event?

Then I fly back on milair with ur gang at 6pm to dc.

Cool!

I'm good to go! Ily

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From: "Mills, Cheryl D" <MillsCD@state.gov>
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Subject: Haiti Industrial Park supported by USG investment

Dear Madame Chairwoman:

I am so pleased you are considering traveling to Haiti to participate in the signing of the largest private investment and jobs creation event in their recent history. Through the efforts of our Congress, including passing the first and second HOPE Acts, the garment industry in Haiti saw a revival in 2009 that resulted in a total of 25,000 full-time jobs in the apparel sector. At that time, the garment industry accounted for two thirds

of Haiti's exports and about 10% of the GDP. Then the earthquake struck. What is little known is that the garment industry has brought more than 4,000 jobs to Haiti since April 2010. This growth has been largely driven by the efforts of Congress to increase trade preference levels through the Haiti Economic Lift Program (HELP).

Following on this momentum, on Tuesday the United States Government will participate in closing a historic deal, that originated with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by Secretary Clinton, with Sae-A, one of the world's largest garment manufacturers, the IDB, and the Government of Haiti to create an industrial park in the Northern Corridor. The park will create at least 20,000 full-time jobs, and in support of the park, the USG's contributions will provide for 5,000 new homes, a new power plant to service the park and surrounding areas that lack access to electricity, as well as upgrading the transportation infrastructure, including the port.

Sae-A will become the country's largest private employer, estimated to bring \$500 million in wages and benefits to Haiti over the course of ten years, and almost double the size of the country's garment industry. Moreover, as a leading brand, Sae-A's decision will not only put Haiti in the spotlight of major apparel buyers, but also other investors that have regarded investment in Haiti as risky.

This park will be good for Haiti, but also good for US businesses that source goods from Haiti; it also will be good for Florida which, through port investments the USG will be making in the North of Haiti, will bring us our two markets even closer.

The event is being put together as I write. President Clinton and Prime Minister Bellerive will preside. The Chairman of Sae-A is flying in from Korea and the IDB will be represented. The event will be mid-day on Tuesday at a Haitian apparel job training center that is supported by the USG through USAID.

I would welcome you traveling with me or assisting in arranging for you to travel mil-air on Tuesday to participate.

Please let me know how I can help facilitate your attendance!

Best.

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