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Dear Matt,

It was wonderful to have you over to our side of the river, and I am most appreciative of your willingness to participate in our bioterrorism symposium last week. You were, as always, thoughtful and persuasive, and we were all edified. I particularly appreciated your comments on the need to preserve openness in the university. The feedback from the audience was that your presentation, experiences, and perspective were impressive and compelling.

I truly meant what I said, namely that I know of no better example for young scientists—or for deans of schools of public health—than your career-long involvement in public policy. I spoke at the Department of State on Friday, and there has rarely been a time where government officials did not need serious help from the scientific community.

It's been lovely to see you and Jeanne on several recent occasions, and I would look forward to a deepening friendship.

With much appreciation and warm best wishes,


Barry R. Bloom

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