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Secretary Tom Vilsack
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Secretary Vilsack,

On behalf of the more than 7,000 people of Dow AgroSciences, congratulations to you, your team and the great history of leaders gone by who have contributed to the USDA's success over the past 150 years. We join you in celebration of this significant, and historic, milestone.

It is in moments such as this when we are given the opportunity to reflect on the countless individuals who work tirelessly in support of agriculture. It is, as you know, a family experience. It is true for those who manage their operation around the kitchen table. And it is equally true for those of us who work around a conference room table. We do it out of tradition and a sense of responsibility. And we take quiet satisfaction from a hard day's work – knowing the impact it has on our community, our country and the world.

Fifty years from now, when the USDA celebrates its 200th anniversary, the world's population is expected to grow by two billion people. And there are many predictions of what will be required to feed that growing and changing population. At Dow AgroSciences, we take great pride in knowing the work we are doing today will have a positive impact on the world of tomorrow. And we know that, thanks to your leadership and the future leaders of the people's department, the USDA will remain a passionate and effective advocate and enabler of agriculture.

Thank you for your leadership, and congratulations on his important moment in history. Our best to you and your people for continuing the legacy of service and support that began 150 years ago.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio Galindez", written over a white background.

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