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Mr. Grammenos Mastrojeni
Chairman, Mountain Partnership Steering Committee
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Piazzale della Farnesina, 1
Rome, Italy

Dear. Mr. Mastrojeni,

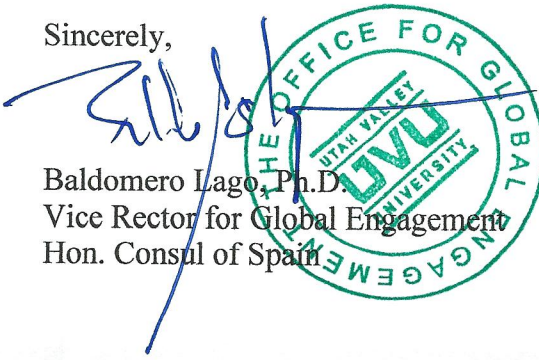
I was informed by members of the Utah Valley University (UVU) delegation that attended the 2018 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development about the results of the meeting with you on July 16, 2018. It was a great opportunity for the members of our delegation to brief you and your colleague from the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS) about UVU's student engaged learning model, which has provided an opportunity for our students to advocate for the sustainable mountain development (SMD) agenda since 2007. We, at UVU, greatly value the continuing support from the Mountain Partnership, and you personally.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit Utah and maybe other states of the Rocky Mountain region to identify new potential MP members and mobilize more support for MPS from local communities in North America. One way you could do that would be by contributing to the agenda of the 68th United Nations Department of Public Information NGO (UN DPI/NGO) Conference, which UVU will jointly host with the city of Salt Lake City August 27-29, 2019. The UN Secretary General, Mr. Antonio Guterres, will also participate at our forum. Although this conference will primarily focus on NGO relations with the UN through the implementation of SDG #11 on sustainable cities and communities, we are planning to have within it a side event (s) on the implementation of mountain targets and include language about mountain targets in the final document of the conference. If you would like, we would be happy to discuss more about the format and agenda of the event with the Mountain Partnership Secretariat.

Attending this conference would also be a wonderful way to further increase the MP presence in Utah and the United States. In addition, this would raise awareness among local communities about mountain targets and what they can do to further implement them in this region and globally.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I do hope you would be able to join us for our UN-DPI Conference on August 27-29.

Sincerely,


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Hon. Consul of Spain

