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Dear Antoinette:

As members of the Gambia Teachers' Union gather soon for the GTU Congress, I send you warm greetings on behalf of the 3 million members of the National Education Association. We know that the conference will address issues pertinent to the work of GTU, including early childhood and peace education and the importance of decent work on teacher effectiveness. Clearly, it will be a valuable gathering for your delegates from across the nation, including time to share experiences and insights in effectively reaching students.

NEA, in conjunction with Education International, is committed to providing a quality education for all students. This requires that schools have quality teachers, quality tools and a quality environment. It is reassuring to know that the GTU shares the same affiliation with Education International, as well as these same goals and is actively working towards their fulfillment.

I was glad that you were able to be present at the National Education Association's annual meeting this summer. Now, following your preparations and the work of the GTU members, I wish you great progress as the Gambia Teachers' Union holds its 20<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

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