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As Director of the Conference on the French Language Community in North America, and a founding member of CODOFINE, I salute the magnificent leadership of Louisiana and CODOFIL.

Yours truly,

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