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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to join the staff of *Corporate Secretary* in welcoming everyone to the Corporate Governance Awards.

New York City has long been a magnet for top talent. This is especially true when you look at our businesses and boardrooms, where men and women of all backgrounds are driving innovation and job creation. As someone who started a company with three other guys, one coffee pot, and zero customers, I appreciate the difficulty of running a business – and how fulfilling it can be to see that business grow and give back to communities in positive ways. Thanks in great part to the leaders here this evening, our country's future is looking bright, and together we look forward to tonight's honorees continuing to make a difference through their work and philanthropy in the years ahead.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you for your support of this event and our city's efforts to rebuild following Hurricane Sandy. Please accept my best wishes for a terrific celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor