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Mr. Ed Rigsbee
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Dear Ed:

Whoops! My how time flies . . . better this letter is late than not at all, right?

Thanks for your presentation on partnering at our recent annual convention in Maui, Hawaii. I believe a number of attendees found your comments, suggestions, and advice about strategic alliances to be useful.

There is no doubt that the produce industry is going through tremendous change due to consolidation and concentration at both the buyer and supplier levels. You reaffirmed some things we already know and led into other areas with seed ideas that will hopefully bear fruit in our member's lives and businesses.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wayne'.

Wayne Mininger
Executive Vice President

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