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Dear Friends,

Our world today is facing major challenges. For those living in extreme poverty, these challenges are magnified. The World Bank estimates that the global health crisis has pushed 97 million people into poverty, and the dual forces of climate change and inequality are compounding the vulnerability of people already struggling for survival. This is both morally intolerable and unsustainable. Never has Trickle Up's mission been more relevant, nor the work more critical.

So, it is with determination and optimism that I look forward to joining Trickle Up in October as its next President. I know that together we can face and address these challenges and continue to help the world's poorest and most vulnerable advance their economic and social well-being.

Throughout my career, I have been committed to empowering women around the world. No work could be more meaningful to me than supporting women in the hardest-to-reach places in forging pathways out of extreme poverty — the heart of Trickle Up's mission. From experience and research, we know that investing in women, especially those living in extreme poverty, is the single most effective way to reduce intergenerational poverty. Given a supportive environment and the right opportunity, vulnerable people — and women in particular — can transform their lives and the lives of those around them. This is the transformational impact of Trickle Up's work.

I consider myself a servant leader, focused on helping people develop and perform to their full capacity in service of the mission. My core guiding values are integrity and positivity, and I strive to act with respect and open heartedness in everything that I do. I am happiest working collaboratively with others and in highly functioning teams. It is my privilege and honor to become part of Trickle Up, and I am eager to learn from the team's collective wisdom and experience.

We have an opportunity today to tap into a changing funding landscape to build the resources we need to scale our impact. Together, we can build upon the legacy of Trickle Up's 42 years of experience and success in serving the underserved, to support hundreds of thousands more families in forging sustainable pathways out of poverty.

I look forward to joining the team in October and to working together with you, our supporters, to go further to bring breakthrough opportunities to the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

Sincerely,



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