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Mr. Doug Myers  
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Dear Doug,

I'm writing to congratulate you, the staff, board members, volunteers, supporters and visitors on the auspicious occasion of the San Diego Zoo Global's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

I am proud that the San Diego Zoo Global is both a long time member of the American Alliance of Museums, and an AAM-accredited institution, which demonstrates its high level of professionalism in all respects and reinforces the institution's tremendous benefit to society. I am also proud that you and your team have served in several leadership positions on the AAM Board of Directors, and we are thrilled to have Berit Durler as a current board member.

Museums around the nation can draw great inspiration from the story of San Diego Zoo Global, which began as a sanctuary for an abandoned lion, grew to become a beloved animal attraction and has emerged as an internationally acclaimed conservation organization with 500,000 members.

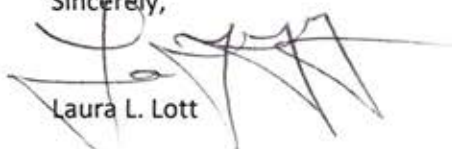
I congratulate the entire SDZG community on its many accomplishments, including:

- Pioneering many modern zoo operations, exhibiting animals in large, free-range habitats for more than 40 years.
- Initiating the Institute for Conservation Research, the largest multidisciplinary research team housed at a zoo.
- Playing a key role in supporting the conservation efforts of other zoos, non-profits, research organizations and governmental entities, including leading the effort to save the California condor from extinction in the 1980s and establishing a Global Wildlife Biobank, one of the most important biological collections in the world.
- Providing middle and high school teachers from around the country an opportunity to study species conservation and bring these lessons back to their classrooms.
- Inspiring—and healing—new audiences through the San Diego Zoo Kids Channel, which provides San Diego Zoo programming for sick children to watch during hospital stays.

For all of these reasons—and many more—I once again congratulate you and your team on your exceptional work.

I wish you continued success in the next 100 years and beyond.

Sincerely,



Laura L. Lott