DEAR COUNCIL MEMBER,

I hope you are getting ready to join us in New Orleans for our long overdue national convention. As I finish my two-year term, I find it ironic that this will be my first face-to-face convention and gala as your president. When all of this started over two years ago, could any of us have predicted where we would be today? There are many difficulties in our world, but support for wetlands conservation is not one of them. The council and all other supporters of this great organization, in true Ducks Unlimited and American fashion, take on challenges and achieve success. It has been both an honor and a privilege to speak to you through these pages over the last two years. As a new president makes an entrance in the next issue, I close with a heartfelt thank-you for all you have done for wetlands and waterfowl. You are the definition of leadership, philanthropy, and success.

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