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Washington, DC 20515-3305

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The Cartner Family
Cartner Christmas Tree Farm
901 Balsam Dr
Newland, NC 28657

Dear David, Jim, and Sam:

Belated congratulations to you all and the rest of the Cartner family on being selected by the National Christmas Tree Association to provide the 2024 White House Christmas Tree! Know that your parents are extremely proud of how you have built on their legacy, not just to have the White House Christmas Tree but to continue their vision for what growing Christmas trees could mean for our area.

As I hope you know, it was my good fortune to know your parents almost all my life. Your dad was my 4-H leader and while I did not get to know your mother that early (Crossnore was a LONG way from Newland in those days for people with no car), as Tom and I became involved as growers, our paths often crossed and my admiration for them both was and still is very strong. Few can appreciate what they accomplished by their example.

Enclosed is a copy of the article about your farm receiving the award that appeared in *The Ashe Post & Times*; I thought you all might like to have another copy. My hope is to see you all when you are in Washington next year and will do everything possible to assist you and your families. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Sincerely,



Virginia Foxx
Representative

Enclosure