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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA) is a place where children realize opportunities they never knew existed. I know because I was one of them, an eight-year-old learning forehands and backhands who eventually became one of Anguilla's most accomplished athletes, competing at two Commonwealth Games.

Now as Minister of Education and Sports, I am proud of the groundbreaking partnership between our island's premier tennis facility and Tennis Central Corp, with its Service Trip to Anguilla.

American students who have devoted their time and talent to the service of our island's young tennis players have been immersed in a cultural and bonding experience like no other. Other visitors are content to remain among the coastal resorts; you will experience the entire gamut of luxury and local life and be challenged to serve those in need in creative, impactful ways.

You'll share your love of tennis and your culture, traditions, and heritage with our own youth, who will do the same. As I am grateful for once discovering through the ATA, our children will be exposed to new methods of learning, new friends, and new ambitions for their education and eventual careers. It only takes meeting you, playing with you, and spending time enjoying the island's sun- and ocean-fueled pastimes.

The Ministry of Education and Sports proudly endorses this service trip as an invaluable international youth diplomacy program and gives it our Seal of Approval. Its motto, "Respect, Reflect, Serve," aligns perfectly with the values our Ministry holds dear. Our island reigns as Tennis Capital of the Caribbean not only because of our impeccable coaching and idyllic resort tennis but also because of the transformative power of this program. I know it will be as seminal an experience for you as it is for our children.

Sincerely,

Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers  
*Anguilla Minister of Education and Sports*