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Dear Friends:

It's my pleasure to once again welcome you to the country's premier documentary film festival – the AFI Silver/Discovery Channel Silverdocs Documentary Festival, held June 20-26, 2011 in and around lively Downtown Silver Spring – one of Montgomery County, Maryland's most thriving business, art, residential and cultural hubs.

Created through a unique alliance between AFI and the Discovery Channel, the festival's founding sponsor, Silverdocs encompasses a seven-day international film festival and five-day concurrent conference that promotes documentary film as a leading art form, supports the work of independent filmmakers and fosters an atmosphere for public dialogue and civic engagement around the issues and ideas explored in the films.

Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, Silverdocs plays host to more than 27,000 international attendees, many representing international media outlets, joining together to witness a diverse range of films, filmmakers and film subjects representing more than 60 countries.

I congratulate AFI Silver Theatre, the flagship theatre of the AFI and one of the premier film exhibition spaces in the country, on creating and sustaining this truly unique cultural and artistic showcase for nearly a decade. AFI has been a great educational asset to our community, with nearly 40,000 students participating in AFI Silver's Educational Screenings Program.

Whether new to Silverdocs and Montgomery County or returning for the second, third or fourth time, I know you'll have an uplifting, exhilarating experience this week at the festival and at the many restaurants, galleries, boutiques and hotspots located in and around Downtown Silver Spring.

I congratulate the all filmmakers, organizers, sponsors and volunteers for their hard work and dedication culminating in this unique and beloved event bringing artistic vision and filmmaking to so many. I also wish all the audience members, media representatives, residents, and visitors a fun, educational and memorable Silverdocs experience here in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Sincerely,

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