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From: Smith, Daniel B
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I thought you might want to share this with the Secretary.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 5:34 PM
To: Secretary's Suggestion Box
Subject: Tremendous thanks to Secretary Clinton

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Dear Secretary Clinton,

It is with great pride and a full heart that I write to thank you for your personal, videotaped message congratulating Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies (GLIFAA) on winning this year's "Outie" award for best LGBT employee resource group by Out & Equal Workplace Advocates. Your message and the significance carried in delivering it personally was reflected in the silence that came over the audience of over 2,000 people when you began speaking and the furious applause heard afterwards. While not the only GLIFAA member in attendance that night to receive the award, as the only Foreign Service Officer there to witness the event, the award held special significance for me. Your message had the greatest impact on everyone attending the Out & Equal Summit this year, but as a direct beneficiary of your work I was especially touched and awed.

It is you, Under Secretary Kennedy, and all the senior staff of the Department that truly deserve this honor. As an FSO with a domestic partner, your efforts to bring equality to State have allowed me to stay in a career I love. Thank you for all you are doing for the LGBT community, for the Foreign and Civil Service, and for the opportunity to attend such a conference. I am once again proud to represent the Foreign Service, the Department of State, and the Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

With tremendous gratitude and warm regards,

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