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It was with great sadness that I learned of the tragic news that Shinzo Abe, former Prime Minister of Japan, had been assassinated while speaking at a political rally in Japan. As Japan's longest-serving prime minister, Mr. Abe was a historic figure who strengthened U.S.-Japan relations through his support of national security legislation and the Free and Open Indo-Pacific strategy.

Nebraska shares deep and long-lasting economic, trade and cultural ties with Japan, which is one of our state's largest agricultural trading partners and sources of foreign direct investment.

With the tragic death of Mr. Abe, we have lost a close friend and ally. My deepest condolences go to all our Japanese friends, associates and partners here in Nebraska and in Japan.

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Sincerely,

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