



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 3, 2016

The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Thank you for your support of the SelectUSA Investment Summit (June 19-21, 2016). I was excited to learn that South Carolina has registered to host a booth in our Exhibition Hall, where participants will have the opportunity to meet with 1,100 international investors from 70 countries. We have been working on new ways to share your story with these companies and the international media.

Foreign direct investment (FDI) supports 12 million American jobs, and U.S. subsidiaries of foreign firms spend billions in R&D annually and are responsible for more than one-fifth of U.S. exports. Our Ambassadors and the U.S. Commercial Service are recruiting decision makers from companies that are ready to invest in the United States. Since our first Summit in 2013, participants have announced at least \$13 billion in U.S. investments, supporting an estimated 32,500 U.S. jobs. Participants in our 2015 Summit have already announced at least \$3.6 billion in deals, supporting approximately 8,000 U.S. jobs.

Demonstrating the incredible diversity of investment opportunities available across the United States is a priority for the U.S. Department of Commerce. Our team is collecting examples of recent FDI wins to highlight during the Summit and through other channels. Please let us know if you have any deals in the pipeline that could be announced at the Summit, or if you have any recent success that we can help you publicize.

SelectUSA is also assisting incoming foreign delegations to get more out of their trip. Many of these delegations or individual investors are planning to visit other parts of the United States before or after the Summit. They are also seeking activities in Washington, D.C., around the margins of the event. To enable state and local economic development organizations (EDO) to promote visits or events to participating investors, we have created an EDO Summit Events Calendar. We would love to include your events.

My colleagues at SelectUSA will follow up with your team. Karen Garcia ([Karen.Garcia@trade.gov](mailto:Karen.Garcia@trade.gov) or (202) 482-4413) will make sure that your colleagues connect with

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the appropriate people at the Department. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your work every day to create jobs – we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny Pritzker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P".

Penny Pritzker