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Ted and Linda Fondulas
Hemingway's Restaurant
4988 U.S. Route 4
Killington, VT 05751

Dear Ted and Linda:

I wanted to personally congratulate you on achieving a coveted AAA Four-Diamond designation. This important recognition reflects what many Vermonters and visitors already know — that Hemingway's is one of Vermont's great culinary treasures. The Four Diamond designation reflects your ongoing commitment to high quality in cuisine, service and atmosphere.

To receive a AAA Four-Diamond designation even once is a great accomplishment. To be honored in this way for 21 consecutive years is truly remarkable. Of 11,000 restaurants inspected nationally by AAA each year, just a little over five percent receive a Four Diamond rating. It is my understanding that Hemingway's is one of only two restaurants in the entire country to have kept a Four Diamond designation for over twenty years in a row.

I would also like to commend you for your ongoing involvement with the Vermont Fresh Network and for your strong commitment to using high-quality, locally produced agricultural products. As you well know, this allows you to not only offer the freshest ingredients possible to your customers, it also supports local agriculture and helps build and maintain strong communities.

Thank you for all that you do as a small business owner and as an ambassador of the state of Vermont. Again, please accept my sincerest congratulations on your most recent AAA Four-Diamond designation, and my admiration for your consistently high level of achievement over the last two decades.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JH Douglas", written over a circular stamp.

James H. Douglas
Governor

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