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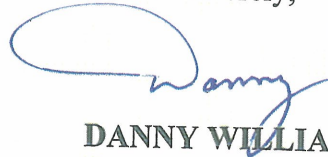
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Dear Mr. Hancock: *al,*

As Premier, on behalf of the people of your home province of Newfoundland and Labrador, I extend to you my sincere congratulations as you celebrate the success of your mission to climb the highest peak on each of the Earth's seven continents – North America's Mount Denali in 2003, Europe's Mount Elbrus in 2005, South America's Mount Aconcagua in 2006, Asia's Mount Everest in 2007, Australia's Mount Kosciuszko in 2007, Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro in 2008, and now Antarctica's Mount Vinson in 2008. I understand that you are the first from Newfoundland and Labrador to accomplish this rare feat. I was delighted to see the photo of you holding the flag of Newfoundland and Labrador atop Vinson Massif at around 7:18 p.m. on the 14th of December. It must have been an incredibly satisfying moment for you, and it is an incredible source of joy for all of us. What an amazing accomplishment! What a testament to the power of commitment! You are an example to all of us and an inspiration to young people everywhere who have a dream.

Sincere best wishes to you and your loved ones.

Yours sincerely,



DANNY WILLIAMS, Q.C.
Premier