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L. Glen Snarr
Chairman and Chief Executive
Evans Group
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84110

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Sincerely,

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President
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