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Dr. Ramon S. Torrecilha, Ph.D. President, Westfield State University PO Box 1630 Westfield, MA 01086-1630

Dear President Torrecilha,

Congratulations on your appointment as the twentieth President of Westfield State University. You have a rare and challenging opportunity to move your institution forward, and make a great school even better.

I regret being unable to attend the formal ceremonies, but please do not hesitate to call on the Coast Guard Academy to share ideas or collaborate on potential opportunities.

Sincerely,

I wish you the very best! James E. Rendon

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard