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President-Elect Trump

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Dear President-Elect Trump

I am writing to convey my congratulations on your election as the 45th President of the United States of America.

As you know from your family ties, the USA was shaped by some of Scotland's finest thinkers, and many people of Scottish descent contributed to the transformation of your country into the global power it is today. These bonds of family and friendship, and our close economic ties, mean that the USA is one of Scotland's most valued partners, as well as our most important international export market and source of inward investment. I hope that these ties can be strengthened in the years ahead.

As you acknowledged in your victory speech, the election campaign was a divisive one. I was therefore encouraged to hear you pledge to be a President for all of America, and to seek to work with others to unify your country.

Our nations share fundamental values of equality, tolerance, diversity and human rights for all regardless of race, faith, gender or sexual orientation, and I hope we will see these values flourish during your Presidency.

On that basis, I wish you success as you prepare to take on the responsibilities of office, and in the years ahead.

Best wishes  
Nicola Sturgeon

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