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Dear Colleagues,

It has been a true privilege to have served as the ninth dean of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. My wife, Doris, and I have been continuously mindful that the strength of Cornell is from the character, the commitment, and the vision of alumni and friends from all walks of life, as well as from the faculty and staff here at the college.

When I became dean in 1997, none of us knew what the future would hold, though I predicted that it would be a period of dynamism, unparalleled challenges and great uncertainty. I also forecast to our faculty that we would need to develop partnerships between our colleagues across the university and with others throughout the profession. I pledged to support and honor those faculty and staff who would have the courage to embrace innovative change and promote these relationships.

I am enormously grateful for the unwavering support and wise counsel received from people across the breadth of the profession, as well as those from other walks of life who care about animal health and the veterinary profession. Collectively, you have made an enormous difference, and one-by-one your extended hands of friendship have been inspiring and reassuring.

As Doris and I reflect on the events and progress of the past ten years, and also the challenges and opportunities that lie before us under the able leadership of my successor, Dr. Michael Kotlikoff, we thank you for what you have done to assure the future of this great college.

With sincere best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald F. Smith".

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