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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of my colleagues at American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, member of the Mountain Partnership (MP), I would like to congratulate you on the official establishment of the North America Hub for the MP, under the name *VERTEX*! My colleagues at American Councils and I very much look forward to working with you on activities that support the sustainable mountain development (SMD) agenda worldwide. In this context, we also would like to voice our support for *VERTEX*'s candidacy at the Steering Committee in Turkey.

Please consider American Councils a potential partner not only in North America, but also in areas such as the former Soviet Union, southeast Europe, and South and Central Asia where American Councils maintains an extensive physical presence.

Sincerely,



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