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As 2020 comes to an end, like many of you, I'm taking an opportunity to reflect on a year that has been unlike any other. Above all, thank you. This year, healthcare professionals answered the call to stand up to fight the COVID-19 virus and protect patients and communities. Cardiovascular healthcare professionals have always answered the call to duty and this year you showed more bravery and skill than should be asked of anyone. We have been educated and trained to be prepared for disasters and to act when the unthinkable happens. We know you have been put to the test in this crisis as you continue to take on new responsibilities and make hard decisions to protect your families. I think of all the perils that you face every day when you go to work. Through it all, you haven't missed a beat. I stand in awe of your ability as frontline healthcare workers to tap into your deepest reserves of resilience and do what you need to do in the most trying of times. Your examples of professionalism and leadership are the greatest resources that we have as a profession.

I'm so proud of the work that we have accomplished as an organization. Our work is never complete. We will continue to serve you, to adapt, advocate for you, and work to support you. We are energized by your drive to continue to develop skills and capabilities to meet your needs as well as the needs of your colleagues, family, and patients.

Despite the continued fight against the virus, I hope that you can find some time to unplug and recharge. As this year has taught us, it is the moments of unexpected kindness of heart that we give and receive that help us look outward and onward. I wish you moments of peace amid the difficulties, connections with family and friends even if they can't be in person, and glimpses of the hope that flicker to help us push forward. On behalf of CCI, we look forward to a brighter year ahead. We'd like to wish you and your family happy holidays and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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