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Dear Kelsey:

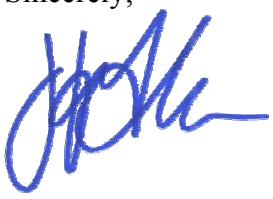
I feel honored that you have chosen me to write about for your class. I am always impressed when young students take an interest in their government's leaders, and I would be happy to answer the questions you need for your assignment.

There are many fun and rewarding things about being governor of Michigan. The thing I like best about my job is that I get to help people every day. I enjoy the challenge of solving problems and serving my fellow Michiganians. I've always believed we were all put on this planet to do more than just help ourselves, and being governor has given me an amazing opportunity to give back to the community.

As much as I love my job, my least favorite part is that it can be very time consuming. Because my days are always so busy and I travel so much, it is sometimes hard to find time to spend with my three children and husband. Balancing my work life with family life is very important to me, and I make sure to set time aside to be a mom and a wife.

I hope these answers give a little more insight into my life and job. Also, thank you for your birthday message. I had a lot of fun on my birthday – I got to spend it at the Super Bowl in Detroit! I hope you have fun putting together this project for your class, and I encourage you to keep learning all you can about your leaders in government. Maybe you can be governor someday!

Sincerely,



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

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