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Dear Mr. Monroe,

Participation in the Future Leaders group of the Steel Founders' Society of America is of great benefit to me personally and consequently, the entire AMERICAN organization.

At the beginning of the 20th Century, metallurgy, first practiced thousands of years ago, found its place in the development of the modern world. This old world craft soon became a cornerstone on which this nation and American families were built. Young men followed their fathers into the foundry business and eventually became "gray-beards", teachers of the next generation.

The Future Leaders group benefits people like me -- people who continue to see the amazing growth of this industry through innovation and technology; people just beginning their foundry careers as molder/core makers or engineers; people building a better life for themselves and their families.

The Future Leaders group allows me to visit member foundries, see how they melt scrap, pour castings, and deliver quality products to their customers. It exposes me to the knowledge of many more "gray-beards" than I could possibly meet on my own. Most of all, it allows me to exchange ideas and build relationships with other young people - the future leaders of the foundry industry.

Sincerely,

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