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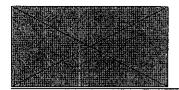
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April 1, 2003

Paul Cellucci United States Ambassador to Canada The Embassy of the United States of America 490 Sussex Drive Ottawa, ON K1N 1G8

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The C anadian trucking industry enjoys a special relationship with our best friend and trading partner, the United States. Trucks – both US and Canadian-domiciled – are the lifeblood of the world's largest trading partnership, moving 70% of merchandise trade between the two countries. As a result, we and many of our drivers spend a significant amount of time travelling the roads and highways of the United States. We appreciate the way our American friends have welcomed us into their business relationships. More importantly, we value how they have made us feel at home; part of the family.

In this most difficult time, we want our American friends to know that we support the USA in the pursuit of freedom from tyranny and terrorism for people at home and abroad. The outpouring of support and sympathy from Canadians from all walks of life in recent days shows that this is about more than markets and commerce, however important that is, or political allegiances. Our affection for the people of the United States is personal. It is about friendship and a lasting, enduring commitment to that friendship. These are not just words on a page. The world's longest undefended border is a monument to the special relationship our two countries enjoy.

In the foreign fields of Europe and elsewhere, the graves of US, Canadian and British soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice for freedom in earlier conflicts stand in close proximity to each other. They are a lasting tribute and testament to the joint legacy that binds us. Given these emotional and historical ties, we are troubled by the current stance taken by our elected leaders. Moreover, the insensitive, wrong-headed comments of a few members of our government do not reflect our views, or those of most Canadians, any more than those uttered by a few individual US politicians in recent months reflect how most Americans feel about Canadians.

On a personal note, I thank you for the open, respectful and constructive way that you have dealt with the Canadian trucking industry as we jointly seek ways to ensure that the northern border is made more secure and more efficient.

In closing, we pray for a speedy end to the conflict and the safety of all coalition forces and the Iraqi people.

Sincerely,

David H. Bradley Chief Executive Officer G/ of/

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