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Dear Mr. Whyte:

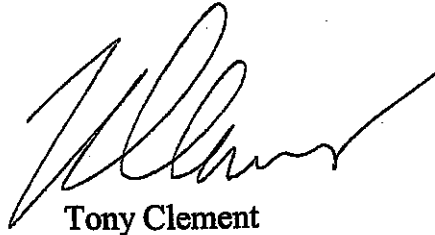
Thank you for your letter of December 10, 2010, enclosing a copy of the first ever public opinion study on the relationship between Canadians and the restaurant industry.

I read this report with interest and appreciated its revealing insight on the attitudes of Canadians toward the restaurant industry, as well as the important information it provided on this sector's contribution to the Canadian economy. The survey sheds new light on the importance Canadians place on a number of issues the government considers to be of strategic importance, including employment and training and skills development.

While the restaurant and food services sector has always been highly regarded as a leading contributor to the service industry, your study provides a valuable perspective on its importance, both in terms of domestic sales and as a means of enhancing Canada's tourism industry.

Once again, thank you for bringing this survey to my attention and please accept my best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Clement

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