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Ms. Joyce Reynolds
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Dear Ms. Reynolds:

Thank you for your letter of December 9, 2010, with which you enclosed a copy of the December edition of *Canadian Restaurant & Foodservice News*. It is clear the periodical serves as a useful and comprehensive source of information to the members of the restaurant and food service industries.

I would like to echo Garth's comments in his message on the magazine, that "*A vibrant and prosperous food service industry is essential to creating a vibrant and prosperous community*". I would also like to commend your organization and the SME community broadly for the resilience shown through the recent economic downturn.

I look forward to continuing to work with CFRA on issues important to your members, in areas where we have made good progress, such as EI premiums and the credit and debit code of conduct, as well as on ongoing initiatives such as the Red Tape Reduction Commission.

Once again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RM' or similar initials.

Rob Moore

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