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Mr. Jagat Shah
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Dear Mr. Shah:

Thank you for organizing the dinner reception during my visit to Ahmedabad on November 5, 2011. Our discussion was very informative and highlighted the significant opportunities that exist to deepen the trade and investment relationship between India and Canada.

Advancing the bilateral commercial relationship with India is a priority for the Government of Canada. The negotiations toward a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) are an important step to help facilitate increased commercial activity. Indeed, an ambitious agreement has the potential to boost trade between our two countries by 50 percent. Private sector support for the CEPA negotiations, like the one provided by the Indo-Canadian Business Chamber, is an important and essential part of the process.

My visit to India allowed me to meet with key players in the trade scene and to note that prospects for Canadian companies are numerous. I am determined to convey this message to Canadian entrepreneurs.

In view of the untapped potential in our bilateral commercial relationship, Canada's trade team in India, including at the Consulate general in Mumbai, looks forward to continuing to work with you to move our relationship forward.

I hope to meet with you again in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ed Fast', written in a cursive style.

The Honourable Ed Fast, P.C., M.P.

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