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Dear Mr. Das,

My sincerest thanks to you for coming and contributing to our conference *Canada at 150: Rising to the Challenge*, in Montréal. From the outset we said we wanted to have frank and provocative discussions about the major challenges we will face as a nation and indeed we did. Your insight, your experience and your challenging comments added immeasurably to the success of the event.

I was particularly struck by your suggestions on how we should view the challenges and opportunities presented by Canadian energy in the marketplace of 2017, and what role the oil sands and other important energy resources should have in the future. Your comments that "citizens are the owners of the resource and we need to act like it" reinforced my view that the planet's carrying capacity can no longer support business-as-usual, and that we need better stewardship of our resources.

Your contribution in Montréal helped inspire the participation of tens of thousands of Canadians from coast to coast to coast. As a result we now understand better the challenges before us.

As a token of our gratitude, in lieu of gifts we are making a donation on behalf of all the speakers and moderators to the Montréal branch of HIPPY Canada, an organisation that supports education and development of pre-school children from low-income families.

Once again, thank you for your words of inspiration and wisdom.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael Ignatieff". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael Ignatieff, M.P.