



April 8, 2010

Mr. Luc Erjavec
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Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association
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Dear Mr. Erjavec:

I am writing today to thank you and the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association for the invitation to attend the ApEx Tradeshow on April 4th. It was a great opportunity for me to meet restaurateurs and foodservice suppliers as well as catch a glimpse of the inner workings of this important industry.

The foodservice industry's significant role in New Brunswick's economic and social fabric is well understood and recognized by our government. After all, your industry's success is our success. Restaurants are at the heart of virtually every community in New Brunswick. CRFA members provide an important place for New Brunswickers to gather with family and friends, are major supporters of community events, sports activities and charities. New Brunswick foodservice operators showcase New Brunswick food products, musical talents and ingenuity making the industry a top draw for tourists and locals alike. Restaurants also offer more opportunities for our young people to build essential skills than does any other industry in the province. The industry's contribution to the well-being of our communities is well understood and appreciated.

I recognize that the foodservice industry has struggled in the past few years. The industry has demonstrated its resilience and ability to meet challenges by embracing innovation and change. CRFA has been at the forefront and has been a tireless advocate on behalf of its members. I value the information and research provided to our government and I want to build on this strong working relationship in order to make New Brunswick a better place to live and work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Alward", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Honourable David Alward
Premier

