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Mr. George Oprea  
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Dear Mr. Oprea,

On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Government of Canada, it is with great honour that I offer my congratulations to the Association of Romanian Engineers in Canada as you mark the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your Gala Dinner.

As Canada's Labour Minister, I wish to thank your organization for its continued commitment to encouraging individuals of Romanian background to become Professional Engineers in Ontario. Canada is currently faced with a skilled labour shortage, and organizations such as yours help to encourage our country's growth, create economic stimulus and contribute to the prosperity of Canada.

I would also like to commend you for your efforts to assist new Romanian immigrants to adapt to the Canadian lifestyle, while also offering training and apprenticeship opportunities. By both embracing your Romanian roots and promoting a Canadian way of life, your organization embodies the multicultural Canadian approach we are so proud of.

Canada needs more innovative and dedicated engineers. I thank the Association of Romanian Engineers in Canada for your passion for the trade as well as your contributions to Canada. I wish you every success as you enter your 6<sup>th</sup> year as an organization.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LRaitt'.

The Honourable. Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P.

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