



The Honourable / L'honorable
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Dear Members and Friends of the Association of Romanian Engineers
in Canada:

On behalf of the Government of Canada and as Minister of
Industry, I am pleased to extend to you my warmest greetings on the
occasion of your fifth annual gala dinner.

Engineers make a significant contribution to Canada's
innovation system and are critical to our global competitiveness. The
government recognizes the importance of engineers to our future success
and emphasizes support for research in engineering. Through the Natural
Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, approximately
\$240 million is invested in this field. With this funding, more than
3,300 engineering professors, along with almost 7,000 students and
500 postdoctoral fellows, are given the support to pursue innovative
research in higher education institutions across the country.

I hope you have a wonderful evening as you celebrate the
many accomplishments that you bring to your field and to Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Clement