


August 3, 2009

Mr. Jerry P. Byrne
President, CEO and Chair
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Dear Mr. Byrne:



I was extremely pleased when you agreed to act as Business Co-chair for the 2009 annual conference of the Southeastern United States-Canadian Province Alliance. Your exceptional commitment to the role was clear from the onset, and proved to be key to the success of this year's event.

All reports indicate the conference was very positive and productive for participants. The event was professionally delivered and the delegates were given a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Much of the success of this year's event can be attributed to the significant part you played. As Co-chair you were positive, enthusiastic, very accessible and deeply sincere. For our guests from across Canada and to the South you personified the spirit of Newfoundland and Labrador – unique, charming and gracious.

It is my hope that you will continue in your role as Co-chair and join us as part of the SEUS//CP 2010 Newfoundland and Labrador delegation to Biloxi, Mississippi in April 2010.

On behalf of everyone who has been a part of SEUS//CP 2009, I thank you.

Yours truly,



DANNY WILLIAMS, Q.C.
Premier