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## **Message from: Gary Mar, Q.C., Alberta's representative in Washington, D.C.**

The Alberta Office in Washington, D.C. is key to advancing the Government of Alberta's priorities in the United States – our province's largest and most important trading partner. Decisions made here can have a profound effect on Alberta's economy and job market.

With more than 13 years experience as a Cabinet Minister in five Government of Alberta ministries, I was delighted when Premier Ed Stelmach appointed me to lead the Alberta Office in Washington, D.C. I am excited about the opportunity to serve Albertans in this new way.

Since the office opened its doors three years ago, it has significantly raised Alberta's profile in the United States. We have assisted with a number of significant Alberta government and private sector missions to Washington, and played a key role in Alberta's highly successful participation in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in the summer of 2006.

My goal is to build upon the strong foundations of these important achievements.

By working with the Canadian Embassy, public interest organizations here in Washington and, most importantly, Albertans, we will continue to ensure Alberta's voice is heard. We will also ensure American officials and elected representatives understand the mutual benefits of our two-way trade and investment relationship – including our role as a secure and safe energy supplier to the United States; the environmentally responsible way we are developing our world-class resources; and our continuing commitment to provide safe agri-food products to the United States.

I look forward to the challenges and achievements in the years ahead.

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