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Kenneth L. Wengrod
Vice President for Global Trade and Foreign Investment
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Vice Chair for Los Angeles
District Export Council of Southern California
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Dear Mr. Wengrod:

It was a pleasure to meet you during my trip to Los Angeles for our Building Bridges to Global Markets program.

I would like to thank you for your support of our program by moderating the panel on Trade Finance and Access to Capital. I also appreciate your active support of the District Export Council of Southern California (DECSC) by serving as Vice Chair for Los Angeles. I enjoyed the robust discussion at both the Building Bridges program and the insights you shared during the DECSC meeting.

Congratulations again on your “E” Star Award for Export Service. I’m glad I was able to present it to you in front of the Los Angeles trade community.

Our efforts to strengthen Los Angeles’ competitiveness and enhance local jobs depend on leaders like you and the members of the DECSC. I look forward to our continued partnership to increase U.S. exports, strengthen U.S. business, advance climate solutions, and stimulate economic growth and job creation through trade promotion.

I appreciate your staying in close contact with U.S. Commercial Service-Los Angeles Directors Rachid Sayouty (Rachid.Sayouty@trade.gov) and Julie Anne Hennessy (JulieAnne.Hennessy@trade.gov) to continue the conversation.

Sincerely,

Arun Venkataraman
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Markets and Director General of the U.S.
and Foreign Commercial Service

