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Dear Dr. Garg:

Thank you for your correspondence of January 28, 2013, in which you invited me to attend the launch of the Fraser Health Authority South Asian Health Institute (SAHI), which was held on February 15, 2013, in Surrey, British Columbia.

Unfortunately, my schedule did not permit me to attend.

I would like to offer my congratulations and best wishes for the launch of the SAHI. In 2010, the Government of Canada provided support the Canada-India Cardiovascular Health Conference, from which the recommendation to establish the Institute came. I am pleased to see that this recommendation has taken shape. The establishment of the SAHI will benefit the Fraser Health South Asian community by acting as a catalyst to make sure that disease prevention and health promotion programs are culturally appropriate. This will further encourage the South Asian community within the Fraser Health Authority to engage in healthier lifestyles to achieve better health outcomes.

Thank you for writing, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Leona Aglukkaq

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