



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

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Ms. Mary Anderson
President
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Re: Letter of Appreciation

Dear Ms. Anderson:

On behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program I wanted to take a moment to thank you personally for taking time from your busy schedule to participate as a speaker in this year's trade conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference was attended by more than 1,100 C-TPAT members and foreign Customs representatives. Private sector participation and support is a testament to the success and importance of the program.

As you are aware, C-TPAT is the largest and most successful government-private sector Partnership to emerge from the ashes of 9/11. It was launched in November 2001 with just seven companies. Today, over 9,000 companies, which include many of America's largest and most influential importers, transportation providers, and customs brokers have joined the program signaling their commitment to partner with CBP to improve supply chain security and efficiency.

Your comments regarding the steps your organization has taken to strengthen supply chain security were favorably received and greatly valued by the members.

Please accept my appreciation and do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bradd Skinner".

Bradd Skinner
Director, C-TPAT / Industry Partnership Programs