



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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Dear Friends:

I was pleased to learn that the U.S. Indian American Chamber of Commerce (USIACC) is celebrating its inaugural event at the New York Board of Trade later this month.

Small businesses are vital to our nation's prosperity, creating seven out of ten new jobs in America and accounting for more than half of the output of our economy. Minority-owned small businesses are a key contributor to this vitality. In his Proclamation on Minority Enterprise Development Week, 2004, President Bush celebrated the achievements of minority businesses and emphasized the importance of creating an environment in which entrepreneurs can succeed. USIACC's efforts to educate the business community and promote economic opportunity are important and appreciated.

Please accept my congratulations on this important occasion and my best wishes for your future success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dick Cheney".

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