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Dear Mr. Abbassi:

On behalf of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, I would like to thank you for hosting NAFSA's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference & International Education Expo held in Los Angeles, California on May 24-29, 2009.

The professionalism, service, and support the entire Los Angeles Convention Center team showed during the annual conference is to be commended, particularly with the additional events — the LA Marathon, the LA Lakers and Denver Nuggets playoff games, and the WWF Smackdown relocation — that Los Angeles hosted as well during the NAFSA Annual Conference & Expo.

I would also like to specifically acknowledge the hard work and service of Sima Hekmat, our event coordinator. I hope the NAFSA Annual Conference & Expo and its international delegation left you and the city of Los Angeles with a memorable and positive experience.

I look forward to an opportunity to work with you in the future.

Best regards,



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