

Letter to the Organizers of the Conference on
**Quality of Life and Regional Development:
Tourism and Hospitality**

April 19th, 2012, Annapolis, MD



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Dear Friend:

Thank you for taking the time to provide your input into the development of the National Travel and Tourism Strategy. Your recommendations have been shared with the members of the Task Force on Travel and Competitiveness and will be considered in our work.

President Barack Obama charged us with this effort because he knows the vital role that the travel and tourism industry plays in our economy. We are committed to ensuring that the U.S. Government supports your efforts to expand this important industry and create jobs across the country-- today and in the future.

Thank you for your contribution and collaboration in promoting the best product anyone could ask for -- the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Ken Salazar
Secretary
Department of the Interior

John E. Bryson
Secretary
Department of Commerce