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Mr. James B. Hamilton
President
Colbert Packaging Corporation
28355 North Bradley Rd.
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

Please allow me to take this opportunity to extend my warmest and most sincere congratulations for Colbert Packaging's many successes by continuing Barger Packaging's legacy for over 122 years. Elkhart, Indiana has and will always be America's heartland for manufacturing. Amidst this fragile and declining economy, where many companies have closed and unemployment continues to rise, it is companies such as Colbert Packaging that continue to testify success. Colbert Packaging shows not only for the citizens of Elkhart but to the nation the dedication and hard-work that its employees continue to hold. In addition, it exemplifies the pursuing and the upholding of a rich and ongoing tradition.

Your achievements exemplify how innovative and contentious this company is to your customers including young children and seniors and to the environment. With your latest investment in new technologies, the packaging Colbert is most proud of, has contributed to boosting the economy while protecting the environment, a time when our planet is dire need of care. I am confident Colbert Packaging Corporation will continue to serve as a unique model for other companies in the Midwest and the nation.

It is my understanding that this year's celebration will bring together your valuable team members who have contributed to this company's success. One of those members includes, Mr. Harold Fong, whom I understand has been with Colbert for over 40 years and is a long-time resident of Elkhart. Celebrations that include the commitment and success of a dedicated team and company are important to illustrate that despite a recovering economy, there is still triumph. I look forward in sharing in your celebration with the city of Elkhart, on the first anniversary of President Obama's Town Hall Meeting in Elkhart.

Thank you for allowing me to extend my best wishes and support to Colbert Packaging Corporation. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Regional Director, Julie Vuckovich, at (574) 236-8302 or by email at Julie_Vuckovich@bayh.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Evan Bayh
United States Senator