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The Honorable David Pratt, P.C., M.P.
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Dear Minister Pratt:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding cooperation between the United States and Canada on missile defense.

As you noted in your letter, the United States and Canada have been partners in the defense of North America for over 50 years. In light of the threat involving the proliferation of ballistic missiles, I agree that we should seek to expand our cooperation in the area of missile defense.

I am supportive of the approach to missile defense cooperation that you outlined in your letter and agree that this should be the basis on which we move forward.

Thank you again for your letter. I look forward to continuing the long-standing defense cooperation between the United States and Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Rumsfeld".

