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Mr. Doug Ferguson, President  
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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

I am writing further to recent media reports that the Liberal Party of Canada may be reconsidering its plans to host the 2009 Biennial Leadership Convention at Vancouver's new convention centre. It is my understanding your executive committee will be discussing this subject in the coming days.

As Mayor, I want to encourage you not to reconsider your previous decision. In addition to removing an estimated \$10-15 million from our local economy, relocating the convention to central Canada will result in a lost opportunity to showcase Vancouver as host of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Vancouver's commitment to green values, inclusion, multiculturalism, innovative drug policy and the largest social housing investments any Canadian city has seen in a generation should offer a very inviting backdrop for your Party.

Tourism Vancouver officials will be in touch with your office this week to discuss the opportunity our city offers and provide assurances regarding the availability of convention space and hotel accommodations. If there is anything further I can do to help with your decision, I am happy to assist.

Vancouver is regularly ranked by the United Nations as one of the world's best cities. It is my sincere hope the Liberal Party of Canada will agree to be part of our success, our celebration and our countdown to 2010.

Yours truly,

Sam Sullivan  
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cc: Rick Antonson - President & CEO, Tourism Vancouver  
Craig Monroe - President, Liberal Party of Canada (British Columbia)