Subject: The "Bel Art Story" (Bel Art Gallery) of Beatrice and Stefan Schreiber in the Edgemont Village, an Immigration Cultural success story.
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Dear Anna Marie:

It is not very often that I find an immigrant business success story such as the one of the Schreiber Family in North Vancouver much less if the immigrants have ventured into the precarious area of Art.

But the Schreiber Family immigrating to Canada from Germany, and as the enclosed material testifies, leaving a prosperous business behind, is an unqualified success. Beatrice and Stefan Schreiber's vision and hard work have produced remarkable results and in a relatively short period. The Bel Art Gallery in the Edgemont Village in the District is a testimony to that success and has added an important dimension to the ambiance of the Village which is becoming ever more popular with tourists.

But what is maybe even more remarkable is the contribution this busy husband and wife team has made in other areas of community life. Mrs. Schreiber is busy in various organizations including non profit. The energy this immigrant couple has displayed is truly astonishing. The District of North Vancouver is becoming an artists enclave playing an important role in the tourist business. The Schreiber Family is doing its part in promoting local artists especially painters many of whom reside in Deep Cove, which by virtue of its unique environment in itself is an inspiration to painters and other artists.

In my opinion, the courage, the hard work and success of Beatrice and Stefan Schreiber should be acknowledged and I hereby ask you to give consideration to this request - a recognition of hard work by immigrants in general and the Arts field in particular. I don't need to tell you that the road to prosperity in North Vancouver is through the promotion of the Arts. I have always known and I believe you have too that the North Shore is tourist country with unlimited potential and Art and Culture is the key to unlock this potential. It is my opinion that the Schreiber's family example should be recognized.

Thank you,

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