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Dear Mr. Mitra,

I am so pleased that you have become a member of the Watford Business Club. It has got off to a flying start thanks to the splendid efforts of Linda Topping, Dr Rami Ranger and others and I very much hope you are enjoying your association with it.

This letter is really to thank you for taking the trouble to support the Business Club. At this time of economic uncertainty, it is all the more important that the dialogue between politicians and businessmen is effective and honest, and your membership of the Club goes a long way towards fostering this dialogue.

The Business Club's financial support, too, of course, is a major help to the work which Richard Harrington is undertaking in Watford and I hope you will agree with me that he deserves all the backing we can give him. He has already established a very well-merited reputation as a hard-working Member of Parliament and I am sure that it is in no small measure due to his inspiration that the Club has made such excellent progress in so short a time.

As President of the Watford Conservative Association and a Patron, with my old friend Tristan Garel-Jones, of the Business Club, I am very grateful to you. Thank you and I hope you manage to find time to enjoy a very pleasant and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely,
Salisbury

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From: THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY, PC, DL

I am so sorry that, because I am attending the Welwyn Hatfield Conservatives Annual Dinner, I cannot be with you this evening at the Launch of the Watford Business Club, but I am most certainly with you in spirit. The importance of business and businessmen to the economy of this country is not in doubt. They hold the key to our Nation's return to prosperity and, we cannot do it without their hard work, commitment and entrepreneurial spirit.

It is very encouraging that so many local business people want to support the Conservative Party and, in particular, your Member of Parliament, Richard Harrington. Richard has worked incredibly hard to get elected and he continues to work as hard now that he is at Westminster. The fact that you are prepared to back him up in this way and also to become involved in the work of the Party in the constituency is splendid. Without your participation, our democratic processes are the poorer.

I am delighted and honoured to be a Patron of the Club, together with my old friend, Tristan Garel-Jones. I would like to thank Linda Topping for her magnificent efforts to get the Club off to such an excellent start. I wish you a very enjoyable evening at Micklefield and I look forward to seeing you on future occasions.

15th October, 2010

