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Ms. Colleen Litkenhaus
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Dear Colleen:

I write in support of Mr. Glen Roberts and his application for a position with the Department of Commerce's Commercial Service, Export Assistance Center. Glen has played an important role in the Central Valley region's goals for economic growth since assuming the contracted position in August of 2001.

Through the export assistance program, Glen has been responsible for the promotion of new markets for Kern County companies, which has increased business activity leading to the creation new jobs in the export industry. He has also participated in several trade missions and has assisted in hosting officials from those countries with Kern County companies. These important dialogues added \$5 million to Kern County's economy and he continues to promote Kern County business around the world.

Glen possesses solid credentials in the export arena. His experience will continue to provide a unique insight to the Department of Commerce's Export Assistance Center. It is my hope that you will carefully evaluate Glen for full-time federal service. Your consideration of this recommendation is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Thomas".

WILLIAM M. THOMAS
Member of Congress

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