


as internal border management, and coordinate closely with border-area private- and public-sector leaders.

Our interests at the Canada-U.S. border are huge – 200 million crossings per year and US \$1.2 billion in trade per day. These interests demonstrate the importance of our relationship and provide an opportunity for energetic federal government leadership. Canadian and U.S. government agencies propose to continue the CUSP dialogue with local stakeholders in border areas, with the next CUSP meeting being planned for 2001 in the Detroit-Windsor area. Working with local leaders, we are confident that Canada and the United States can provide an even better model of border management and cooperation for the rest of the world.

Sincerely,



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