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Mr. Gary Karp  
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Dear Gary,

With your luncheon keynote at our 2008 USBLN Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, you delivered the perfect message at the precise time for our community and its mission.

Your skillful blending of the social, historical, political, ethical, and business pieces of the "modern disability" story was simply brilliant. As I sat and listened to your passionate delivery of this message, I recognized the special role you play as a key spokesman for the emergent value of workers and consumers with disabilities. You educated our audience of business influencers most effectively on the extremely important concepts of disability culture co-existing within the larger, majority culture.

You have a special ability to draw the audience in with your authentic speaking style, humor, and compelling stories. We also appreciated your great professionalism, making your needs clear, being patient and timely with the process and inevitable glitches, prompting our meeting planner to dub you "the easiest speaker to work with" of the event.

I'm thrilled to have discovered a true fellow traveler and philosophical partner in you, Gary. We are going to have a long, productive partnership as we work to advance disability advocacy forward into the broader society through our shared business message. Thank you for your extraordinary Keynote Address!

With great respect,



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Executive Director, U.S. Business Leadership Network