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Dear Mr. Bhatia,

Congratulations on the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) 100 year anniversary. It is quite remarkable for an organization to have achieved such noteworthy accomplishments for such a long time. ANSI deserves special recognition not only this year but every year.

When five standards developing organizations decided, in 1916, that an impartial national body was needed to coordinate standards development, they struck upon an idea that has successfully guided the US standardization system ever since. ANSI has done well in carrying out this role.

Over time, ANSI has evolved, changing its name and responding to a variety of societal and technological challenges. Through it all, ANSI maintained its independence and encouraged an environment of collaboration and cooperation within the standardization system. From ANSI's earliest time to the present, it has continued to undertake challenging projects and provide the leadership required to ensure our workforce and households are safe, our infrastructure is maintained, and our environment is protected.

On behalf of the Department of Defense, we offer our sincere congratulations on ANSI's first 100 years and our best wishes for the next 100 years.

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