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Dear Joe,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to the ANSI's 100th Anniversary Gala on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Union Station, Washington DC. I regret that I will be unable to join you for the festivities for timing reasons but our chairman, Sir David Brown and I wanted to write to you on behalf of the BSI Group Board to recognise this important milestone.

ANSI's origins in 1918 as the American Engineering Standards Committee (AESC) echoes BSI's own roots in 1901 when the leading professional bodies in the UK formed a joint Engineering Standards Committee (ESC), which became BSI in 1931. BSI is proud to have worked side by side with ANSI from its earliest days on technical and policy matters. One of those pivotal moments was in October 1946, when BSI hosted the conference of the UN Standards Coordinating Committee in London that led to the establishment of ISO. Records show that the delegates to that meeting from the USA, Dr P G Agnew and Dr E C Crittenden, contributed greatly during the discussions, offering that the US National Standards Body should take the secretariats of ISO committees in new and traditional subjects as wide ranging as plastics, agricultural machines, cinematography and photography. Today as back then, we welcome the commitment of US experts to support international standardization activity in established fields and emerging areas such as Artificial Intelligence, under the guidance and leadership of the Board of ANSI and its members.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with ANSI in the years and decades ahead as new technologies and the digital economy open up unprecedented opportunities to accelerate global trade and international development.

With best wishes for ANSI's centenary and your celebrations this year,

Yours sincerely,



Dr Scott Steedman  
Director of Standards



Sir David Brown  
Chairman