

Rio de Janeiro, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
**BRAZILIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.**

Dear **Members of the Board**,

After two years of hard work, many readings, and uncountable hours of group meetings and study, it is hard to believe that the MPA program has finished. The experience at SIPA was priceless. Coexist, study and learn with people from more than 65 nationalities is fantastic. The opportunity to have meaningful dialogs looking to find solutions for common problems based on evidence and fieldwork experience is great. To live in New York City is also a highlight of the overall exposure to new ideas and practices.

My experience as a “Person of the Year Fellow” has been amazing. It is a unique opportunity to participate in such a high level group of people, all of them sharing their commitment to help the social and economic development of Brazil. One of the highlights of my experience as a Fellow was the opportunity to participate in all events organized by the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce. All Fellows could interact and share ideas with high profile people from the public, private, and non-profit sectors of Brazil and the US.

The events allowed the POY Fellows to have a deeper view of the current situation and future challenges that Brazil and the US face. Hopefully, in the near future, I will have the pleasure to work with some of the POY Fellows in common projects to help improve Brazil.

I am grateful for the important fellowship that the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce – BACC has given us. The best way to thank them is to work hard to put the ideas and tools that we have learned here into practice in Brazil.

My overall experience was fantastic, since I had the opportunity to learn with great professors and leaders, exchange ideas with passionate fellows, and enjoy the impressive network of fellows and scholars committed to improve the relationship between the US and Brazil.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours, Paulo Uebel.