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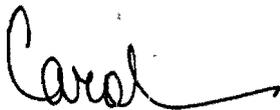
Dear Barry:

I will never forget the first time I met you....Portland, Maine, the 1983 Annual Meeting and you were sitting at the front of the meeting room with the Governor's staffer chairing the Human Resources SAC (I didn't have a clue what SAC stood for at that time!). Quite frankly, if looks could have killed I would have been dead (and I'm sure there are plenty of folks around who wish you might have succeeded). The issue on the table was the policy statement Governor Bill Clinton had filed late on Social Security Disability.....so while Arkansas rained on your final NGA meeting I at least was comforted as I flew home that this NGA staffer we had incensed wouldn't have to do the follow up work on the new policy.

Alas, I got a call sometime later saying, "Carol, this is Barry Van Lare, I'm back at NGA and guess what is on the top of my work pile?" Well, if only we had known back then what we know now....the disability policy was only the mere beginning of our NGA life with Governor and now President Clinton.

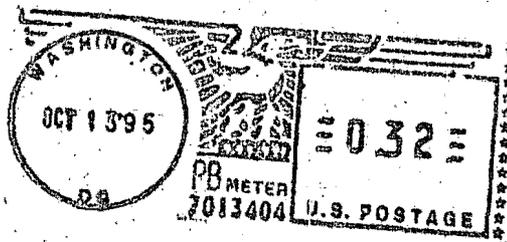
I will always be so very grateful to you for all your patience, pens and legal pads that quickly fill with solutions. Thank you for your steady, well reasoned counsel through the years -- you've earned stripes and medals and stars. Wear them with pride and know that you've got a lot of fans out here pulling for you in your new adventure!

Sincerely,

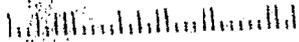


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Please join the NGA Staff in thanking

**Barry Van Lare**

for his 15 years of service and wishing him well  
in his next endeavor at Deloitte & Touche in Seattle.

A Reception in his honor will be held  
Wednesday, November 1, 1995  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Room 233  
Hall of the States

Please RSVP to Tess at (202) 624-5320.

