



November 25, 2010

The Right Honourable Boyko Borisov
Prime Minister of Bulgaria
Sofia, Bulgaria

Dear Prime Minister:

As a Canadian academic and a friend of Bulgaria, I was very disturbed by the recent news that the government of Bulgaria is planning to terminate the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. I have worked in the high technology sector of space science through my career, from which it has been evident that wealth generation within a country is dependent on its education and its research. Investment in education and research is absolutely essential if a country is to avoid having all its citizens destined to become low wage earners. While I realize the economic difficulties that countries face, including yours, any such investment will have great benefit to the economy in the future, and I respectfully urge you to follow that path for the sake of your country, which has achieved so much in the past.

Respectfully yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Shepherd'.

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