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Cav. Vincenzo Marra  
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Dear Cav. Marra:

I am writing, albeit a few days later than I would have wanted, to thank you and the other members of ILICA's Board for your generosity in offering a stand to both the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute and the American Association of Teachers of Italian at this year's NECTFL.

Gestures of largesse such as yours, aimed at the cultural well-being of the Italian and Italian/American communities here in the United States, are far and few in between. We are still very much at the early stages of cultural philanthropy among the greater Italian (read also, Italian/America) community in the US. I am confident that ILICA will help furrow that path so that others will follow with more facility in the future.

In closing, I thank you, again, on behalf of both the Calandra Institute and the AATI, for making our presence at the Northeast Conference a most beneficial one.

Sincerely,

Anthony Julian Tamburri  
Professor & Dean