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Dear Dr. Kalirai:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to commend you for your recent astronomical observations, which have earned you international acclaim.

I read with interest about your study team's discovery of a halo of stars around the Andromeda galaxy and your observations of the most distant population of star clusters ever seen. These remarkable discoveries have enhanced our understanding of our own Milky Way galaxy and our celestial neighbours. You can take great pride in these achievements and the enormous respect you have earned from your fellow astronomers.

I wish you well as you continue in your prestigious position as a Hubble Fellow at the University of California at Santa Cruz. Your research is enhancing Canada's proud tradition of excellence in the field of astronomy.

Once again, on behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my congratulations for your recent achievements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Harper".

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada*