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**Message from the Governor General on the occasion of  
Canada's Angel Investor of the Year Award**

It is my pleasure to offer congratulations to Arati Sharma, founding partner of Backbone Angels, a collective who focuses on investments on Black, Indigenous and Women of Colour-led companies, and winner of this year's Angel Investor of the Year Award.

Through all of your contributions, the National Angel Capital Organization provides equitable access to capital for people from all backgrounds and communities, including those who have historically been deprived of these opportunities. Thank you all for remembering to support those who have often been forgotten and left behind.

Let this occasion remind us that charity's rewards are twofold: it brings out the best in the benefactor, and inspires others to do the same. This admirable behaviour has a multiplying effect that impacts our whole society. The recipients of this award are building a stronger, more kind-hearted Canada.

I thank all of you who lead by example with such generosity of spirit.

Mary Simon