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The Aligarh Alumni Association of New England
4 Straw Hollow Lane
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545

Dear Members of AAANE and Participants:

I would like to congratulate you on the occasion of another Mushaira. I know that this year's event will have the same energy, enthusiasm, and excitement as in years past.

I am a strong believer in the positive influence of the arts, and a day of sharing ideas, culture and understanding through poetry at the annual Mushaira will undoubtedly give all participants a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the power of the spoken word to enrich and strengthen our common humanity. I'm certain that AAANE's message of charity, education, compassion and tolerance will resonate with the attendees and help fuel the dynamics of a truly enlightening day.

Again, I commend and congratulate all of the organizers and participants in this remarkable event, and I wish you great success on Saturday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Grossman".

Steven Grossman
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