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Dear Supervisor Piepho:

I apologize for not writing earlier. On behalf of my Board of Directors and myself I want to thank you for last week's mediation in your office. While the negotiations were long I think the meeting was successful and we are nearing the end of the negotiations. Your moderating of the meeting helped us move past several difficult points.

We know that the negotiations have also been difficult for the Maurice Shiu, Greg Connaughton, Eric Whan and Beatrice Liu and we appreciate that they have worked through the issues with us. Beatrice had the revisions to me last Friday as promised and I am just waiting for a final review from Dave Larsen.

So again, I say thank you. We very much appreciated your help and the extremely professional assistance of your staff.

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