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Dear Sir or Madam:

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Your consideration of these listed concerns and comments is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Frank Martin *FM*

Board Chairman
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