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Honorable William M. Skretny
United States District Court
Western District of New York
68 Court Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

**Re: Barbara A. Norton and Boyd D. Green, Jr., d/b/a Green's Dump Truck
Claim No. 11 CV237S**

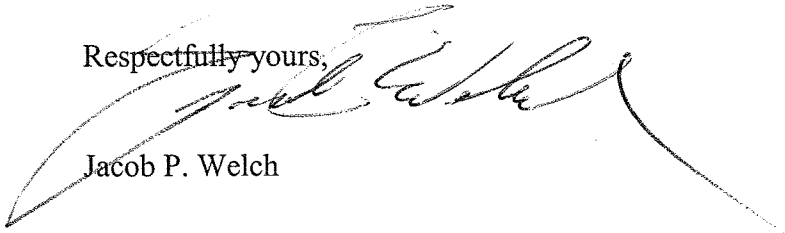
Dear Judge Skretny:

I wanted to let you know of my appreciation for Doug Coppola's mediation efforts which lead to a \$940,000 settlement of the above case this week.

Mr. Coppola had a very steady and calm demeanor throughout. It was clear that he had read our submissions in fine detail. He used them and a fine intellect to bring both sides a lot closer in numbers. Thereafter he also spent a lot of time on follow up calls which brought the matter to final resolution. You don't see that kind of extra effort very often.

On the day we achieved settlement I complemented Mr. Coppola on this being one of the best mediation jobs I have seen in over thirty years of personal injury practice. You truly have an asset having Mr. Coppola assist the court in resolving these large cases. (Our own case could have tied up your calendar for a week long trial.) For these reasons he really should be complemented.

Respectfully yours,


Jacob P. Welch

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cc: Douglas Coppola, Esq.
Magistrate Jeremiah J. McCarthy
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Barbara Norton