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Dear Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Slagle

Thank you for the use of the Fashion Square Mall parking lot for COVID-19 testing. Our community, like the rest of the nation, has been in the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic for the last 18 months. The relatively low case rate and high vaccination rate is due in large part to the commitment of community members such as yourselves.

Our ability to utilize the large parking space you have offered means we will be able to offer large-scale COVID-19 testing events several days each week. Testing for COVID-19 is a key component of the containment measures needed to stop the spread of the disease. We have seen a sharp increase in our case numbers and the number of individuals requesting testing. Your generosity means we can meet that demand.

This gift of space coupled with your earlier low cost use of the large indoor space for community vaccination clearly demonstrates your dedication to the welfare of all members of the Blue Ridge Health District. On behalf of the community, thank you.

Sincere Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DB', is placed above the typed name.

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