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Mr. Barry A Flax, Esquire
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**Re: Village Marketplace Shopping Center
Midlothian, VA**

Dear Barry:

On behalf of Village Associates, I want to thank you and your staff for the outstanding job you did for us after the devastating fire at our shopping center. Your staff's knowledge and expertise in communicating with our insurer was extremely beneficial for us. Having the benefit of the expertise of your staff was of immense help to us in that extremely trying time.

We would not hesitate to employ your company in the event of such a loss in the future and will recommend your services to others as the opportunity for such recommendations may arise.

Best regards,



Richard S. Johnson
Manager

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