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Mr. Clyde Peeling
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Dear Clyde:

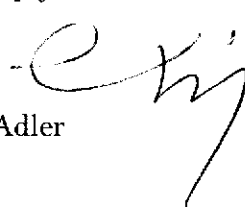
Thank you so much for your hospitality to me and my students, members of the Cornell Herpetological Society. We had a most memorable and educational visit. Your personal behind-the-scenes tour and the discussions with your knowledgeable staff added tremendously to the value of our visit. We hope that you will enjoy the posters that Alex Lebron, herp club president, gave you as a token of the club's appreciation.

We have made fall trips to zoos/museums/universities annually since 1993, but this is the first time we have gone to a for-profit reptile exhibit. Ordinarily, I would not have recommended such a venue to the students because the "roadside zoo" is generally not the sort of place I want students to see as they contemplate careers. But Reptiland is in a class of its own. The reason I was willing to try it (I had never been to Reptiland before) was because of the exhibits at the American Museum, which have received such rave reviews. I decided that Reptiland must be a very different sort of place, and I was right.

Frankly, your facility puts most reptile houses at our largest and best zoos to shame. Your facility is clean, well laid out, has novel designs, and with quality information in labeling and oral/video presentations. I had no idea about the continental reach of your company, the fabrication department, and the high quality of the overall organization. I will certainly want to bring future groups of students, if you will have us! I know we take time away from your and your staff's other duties, but I do think that the experience had a significant and positive impact on our students.

Please thank Chad for making all the arrangements. We hope to meet him on a future visit. Thanks again for all the time you devoted to my students.

Sincerely yours,


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