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Mr. Cliff Dent
Dent Breakaway Industries, Inc.
P. O. Box 6007
Farmington, NM 87499

RE: Trinity Breakaway Bolts

Dear Mr. Dent,

Just a note to inform you of a test recently conducted on your bolts. The test was not the idea of Louisiana DOTD, but rather Mother Nature. You see over a two-week period in October, we had two hurricanes impact Louisiana. The first was Isidore, which went east of New Orleans and was nothing more than a rainmaker. However the next week was Hurricane Lili, which came through the middle of the state as a strong category 3 with gust of over 120 mph. Within this area, there are four locations with these bolts installed. After the storm the sites were reviewed and no failures of the bolts were found. Due to these facts, we are presently using our screw base anchor with the dent bolt. This process helps by reducing our fabrication and installation time substantially while also benefiting our maintenance operations.

Again thanks for the product and we look forward to working with you on our call boxes and any other area in which these bolts would benefit this Department.

If you need any additional information or have any question, please feel free to call me @ (225) 935-0156.

Sincerely,

DARRELL R. JOHNSON
HIGHWAY SIGN MANAGER

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