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Cliff Dent  
Inventor of Dent Breakaway Bolt  
P.O. Box 6007  
Farmington, New Mexico 87499

Subject: Dent Breakaway Bolts

Dear Mr. Dent,

The 16' X 16' sign structure located at mile marker 92 South Bound lane on IH 37. This sign broke away and came down because of Hurricane Claudette. The winds were in excess of 80 mph. There were five other signs in the immediate area which also came down. The sign with the Dent Breakaway Bolts had no damage to the posts or ground anchors, while the other five signs required ground anchor or post replacement.

By using the Dent bolts, the sign crew was able to just reinstall the sign structure without waiting for post or ground anchors to be fabricated. This saved the state time and money.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordon R. McClanahan".

Gordon R. McClanahan  
Pleasanton Maintenance Supervisor

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