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To Whom It May Concern,

My family and I have recently had a new custom built home constructed for us by Rick Straus of Morningstar Homes, Inc. in 2005. I'm personally taking the time to tell anyone who is considering hiring Rick Straus to do a project for them the experience we had building with him.

To put it in a nutshell, the experience was absolutely fantastic. I personally was in the home remodeling business for nearly 5 years. As a result, not only have I heard of all of the horror stories in the business, but I have also been rapped up in them.

The first and foremost thing that my wife and I appreciated was how Rick built our house with as much fervor as though he was building one for his own family. His full time concern for the project was astounding. He was also a man of his word. If Rick said something was going to get done, it would get done. Another thing we appreciated was how Rick, knowing that we were first time home builders, took the time to walk us through the project at a pace that made us feel very comfortable rather than rushing us through it just so he could get on to the next project. He also gave us numerous fantastic ideas based on his experience that added some great luster to our new home. Rick was also very cost conscious for our sake on the project and we were very impressed on how close we ended up to our actual budget when the home was completed.

If I had the time, I could go on and on telling you about the wonderful experience we had building with Morningstar Homes, Inc. and Rick Straus, but in closing I can say this. I've never had a builder/contractor do a job for me that by the time he was done, I would say to myself that I was going to miss this man being around in my life so often. I would definitely recommend Rick Straus of Morningstar Homes, Inc. to construct a project for anyone who is interested at any time. Should you wish to contact me, my number is 612-889-6097.

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