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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: PILE SECURITY BOOT

THIS IS MY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PILE SECURITY BOOT.

THE SECURITY BOOT WAS DEVELOPED BY RUSS BENE'T AFTER HE OBSERVED MANY NOTCHED PILE FAILURES ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST DUE TO WIND AND WAVE FORCES OF HURRICANE KATRINA IN AUGUST 2005.

THE PILE SECURITY BOOT IS AN ECONOMICAL SOLUTION TO PREVENT NOTCHED PILE FAILURES FROM UNFORSEEN LATERAL FORCES GENERATED BY HURRICANES OR TORNADOES OR HIGH WATER AND WAVES. THE SEPERATION OF THE HOUSE SILL/BREAM FROM THE FOUNDATION PILE(S) CAN BE PREVENTED BY THE USE OF A CALCULATED NUMBER OF SECURITY BOOTS. A BOOT ON EVERY PILE IS NOT REQUIRED

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ATTACHMENTS  
PILE SECURITY BOOT DETAILS  
PHOTOGRAPH OF PILE AND BOOT.