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Amish Door Restaurant  
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Dear Amish Door,

I was dining in your restaurant with my family last summer. I met them for an afternoon of good food and good times. I think I lost my hat while I was there. It is a bright yellow cap (made from terry cloth) with a flap, and a snap -- just to hook it all together. Can you check the lost and found for it? I think we were sitting at the fourth table on the left around the corner from the salad bar and our server was named Estelle. Or maybe it was Chynna, I'm not sure.

When I am out in the summertime, I usually opt to wear baseball caps to protect myself from the harmful rays of the sun. But this particular cap was a special gift that I got from my dad. He used to wear the same type of cap all the time and so this particular cap was very special to me. I only wore it on special occasions. So when I met my mom and dad for lunch at your restaurant, I decided to wear my yellow cap to make my dad proud. He was very happy to see it!

Of course, I had to take my cap off when we said Grace and ate our meal. (I had the chicken. I really like the flavor of your Amish food. I bet home cooked Amish meals are something else!) I must have set the cap down on the side of my chair and then walked off without it. I was very sad to later find it missing. I can come down to pick it up if you have it, but I wanted to write first to make sure that it was there before I stopped by. No sense driving all the way to Wooster and back for nothing with the price of gasoline these days! Especially when I may have actually lost my cap at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Can you believe the cost of gasoline these days? I'll tell you, my car gets about 12 miles to the gallon and I am going to have to remortgage my house in order to pay for my gasoline consumption this summer. I have to tell you that the Amish way of life is looking better every day. If you were ambitious recruiters, like the Mormons or Jehovah Witnesses, you could really have a great recruiting campaign on your hands here: Become Amish, Save Fossil Fuels.

Maybe the Amish have the right idea in shunning gasoline and electric power. Do you accept new members from the outside? I once read somewhere that Amish children are kept subdued from a young age so that they will not want to leave the Amish community when they become

adults. I don't want to offend because that may not be true, but if it is, I think it is too bad. The children should WANT to remain Amish for the right reasons, but not be forced to remain Amish for the wrong reasons. Do you know where I can find the truth on this topic or maybe you can suggest a good book on the subject? I have a fine public library in my neighborhood where I can get almost any book that you suggest.

Exactly what are the criteria for joining the Amish church? I am sponsoring a young girl in Confirmation this weekend in another church, but I am getting **fed up** with the electric company and gasoline companies and the outrageous rates they charge. I want to forget all about electric and gasoline power and get back to the ways of my four fathers. (By that I mean my dad, my two grandfathers, and my great-grandfather on my maternal grandmother's side). The only way I can do that is to give up my current lifestyle of consuming gasoline and electricity and find alternate energy supplies. Do the Amish use solar energy cells in any way?

Speaking of being "fed up", I am REALLY fed up with your restaurant and I hope to come back again this summer to be fed up by you once again! Maybe I will try something other than the chicken this time. How is your beef wellington?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rusty Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rusty Lucas

p.s. I have never seen any Amish people wearing baseball caps. Only bonnets (the women) and black brimmed hats (the men). Is that against the religion? You see, I collect baseball caps. Remember above when I said they are my hat of choice in the summertime? Is there any way I could get an Amish Door Restaurant baseball cap for free if you are unable to find my yellow terry cloth cap? Please send me a free baseball cap! If you cannot send me one, maybe I can pick one up when I come down to get my yellow cap! But in that case, please send me a coupon for a free baseball cap. I don't want to come down there and tell the hostess that I am there to get my yellow cap AND a free baseball cap and have her think I am trying to steal something for free. If I have a real coupon for the baseball cap it will make things much smoother and prevent any misunderstandings.