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ATTN: Harry B. Lucas

Dear Harry:

Pleasant Greetings from the eastern Ohio Lucas clan. What a proud day this is for me and all of us representing the Ohio branch of the Lucas family! I have been doing some genealogy research online of the Lucas family name and tracing some of the kinship lines as they stream across this wonderful country of ours. In the process, I found details about your company and it was really refreshing to see a cousin who has done so well for himself. You have a series of bona fide companies named after yourself! Congratulations!

As you probably know, we haven't fared so well in the midwest/Great Lakes region with the automotive and steel industry collapses over the past thirty years or so. I am mighty thankful to still have a job myself, but even I haven't been able to stay completely on my feet in this economic downturn. I suffered a pay cut and a reduction in my work hours and that appears to be semi-permanent into the foreseeable future. At least until things pick up again anyway.

The Mrs. and I have cut back on our spending and we don't eat so extravagantly anymore. I've taken to walking to and from work everyday, which really is turning out to be a good idea what with all the weight I'm losing on account of all this extra exercise. I just might continue walking to work even after things get better and the price of gasoline isn't as big of a concern.

Now Harry, I don't want to concern you or put you into an awkward position, so please don't give this a second thought if you aren't 100% okay with what I have to say. Let's just say that I don't want to take advantage, but I want to take advantage if you know what I mean.

I was wondering if you provide a family discount at any of your stores that are part of the Harry B. Lucas Companies? If so, how might I take advantage of that? See, that's where my intentions get to be confusing. By "take advantage" I mean that I want to take advantage of any family discount opportunities within your existing company policies that I would otherwise already qualify for, **but I don't** want to take advantage of you as a person. Does that make any better sense to you, Harry? I hope so. I don't want you to get the idea that I am a freeloader or a deadbeat or any other such thing. I can tell you,

Harry, that it would make Grampa Lucas quite sick in his belly if he were alive today and thought that his Little Rusty Tyke (that's what he liked to call me as a youngster) was freeloading off of kin.

On the other hand, I know that Grampa Lucas would be proud of my efforts to take care of my Mrs. and our offspring by exploring all my legal alternatives without lyin', cheatin', or stealin'.

Harry, I'm happy to have found you and to know that you are making a name for yourself – even if you can't help me out. If you have any family specials, please let me know. If you don't, then I still wish you the best of luck in your companies' continued success.

Please let me know if you are aware of any Lucas Family Reunions going on down in Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rusty Lucas".

Rusty Lucas

p.s. I know many in the family believe it to be a curse, but I believe it to be a blessing – I got Grampa Lucas' hair genes. As I am sure you well know, the Lucas hair genes don't allow for much of a head of hair by the time middle age hits. I still have a spot of time before I hit middle age myself, but my thinning hair is well on its way to that telltale Lucas-dome. Daddy likes to tell everyone that he isn't bald, he just has flesh-tone colored hair! Like I said, I believe it to be a blessing because it is much easier to control this way and leads to very few bad hair days. But with the bright sunny summer we're having, I often get a little too much sun on my scalp as I walk to and from work. My hair offers some protection, but I still seem to get a burnt scalp through the thin spots. Do you happen to have any Harry B. Lucas Companies baseball caps that you might be able to send to me? I sure would like to wear a cap that bears my family name as I make my dutiful hike to work each day. Grampa Lucas would be especially proud if he knew I was doing my fatherly duty to earn a living for my family AND sporting a company ballcap bearing the Lucas name at the same time!