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Mr. Robert Carrier, Mayor
Mr. Michael Joyal, City Manager
Dover City Council
Mr. Paul Haas, Fire Chief

I wanted to write to acknowledge the tremendous job the fire department did in fighting the fire at The Shanty Family Restaurant on the night of March 6th. I own the wood frame building at 459 Central Ave. that is on two sides of The Shanty.

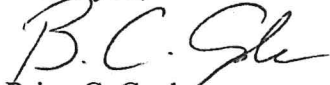
I saw the pictures in Fosters Daily Democrat and could not believe the amount of damage that occurred inside The Shanty. I GREATLY appreciate the fire fighter's willingness to enter the building while it was burning. If they had not been willing to enter the building and fight the fire from the inside, it would have certainly spread to the exterior of the building. If the fire had penetrated to the exterior, I believe my building would have been at tremendous risk. I have 18 apartments and a long-term retail tuxedo and suit business in my building and fear the impact to my tenants would have been devastating.

I spoke to many of my tenants as we all stood outside watching the events unfold that cold night. Everyone that had direct contact with any of the fire fighters all spoke of how concerned they were with everyone's well being. The fire fighters helped get people and pets out of my building and made sure people had adequate clothing and/or a place to keep warm.

The City of Dover has an incredibly brave and caring group of fire fighters and I wanted to express my appreciation for job they performed on Saturday night.

My thoughts are with the owners of The Shanty and hope they are able to rebuild.

Thank you,



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