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Dear Bert:

As Thanksgiving approaches, I again want you to know how grateful I am for the work you did on my hips.

It's now been over five years since you replaced both of my hips at the same time. Since then, I've been able to enjoy experiences that would have difficult if not impossible for me without the operation: traveling to see my youngest son play baseball games in college and in his rookie professional season in the minor leagues; traveling with another son on an unforgettable trip to Italy and Germany; taking long walks on the beach and in my neighborhood; and shooting baskets in the backyard. Most important, I've had the blessing of being able to do simple things without pain—standing, sitting, driving, putting on my shoes, and sleeping.

So thank you again for your wonderful work. And best to you and your family for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Tom