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Dear Mr. Reiff,

On behalf of staff and membership of the California Conservation Corps I would like to thank The ReUse People of America for the excellent 14-day deconstruction training program delivered at the Norwalk Center in May-June, 2008.

The classroom sessions and on-the-job training strengthened the confidence of corps members in their ability to learn new skills, plan thoroughly, communicate effectively and work as a safety-conscious, productive team.

The numerous demonstrations and hands-on practice sessions in the classroom effectively prepared corps members for tasks they would face in the field. The OJT portion of the training gave them ample opportunities to practice new skills while solving real problems associated with deconstructing a building.

Corps members enhanced their understanding of construction terminology, materials and methods. They learned how to plan a deconstruction project and estimate associated costs, and they particularly enjoyed learning to operate specialized power tools such as the de-nailing gun and reciprocating saw. Members have told me that they look forward to putting all of these skills to work on additional deconstruction jobs.

Should any of us forget the correct procedures for removing fixtures and framing, unitizing and banding lumber, preparing materials for shipping, or any of the other deconstruction basics that your program conveyed, we can consult TRP's comprehensive, colorful workbooks for step-by-step directions.

As trainers, you and your colleagues did a remarkable job of making the training both enjoyable and productive. Thank you again for your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Moilov".

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