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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter as a testimonial regarding my association with Precision Concrete Cutting and to let you know of some of the beneficial aspects of their work.

As the grounds supervisor of a relatively large public school district with over sixty properties, it is a very common occurrence to have numerous trip hazards on our sidewalks. These seemingly minor deflections in the walkways are the source of many injuries to our students, staff and patrons of the district. Needless to say, some of these incidents lead to serious injuries and occasionally to litigation. The suffering and trauma of the injured is cause enough for concern but additionally, the costs incurred in settling these claims can become quite a burden to any financially lean organization such as ours.

We tried a few different methods to eliminate the trip hazards using our own personnel and equipment but found the results unfavorable. We tried using a pneumatic grinder fitted with a diamond head which worked alright but was very labor intensive. We used a mechanical scabber which left a porous surface which allowed for the introduction of excessive moisture and chemicals used for ice control. This process caused more damage in the long run than it prevented. We also replaced sections of concrete when the deflection was severe enough to warrant such. The cost of the concrete and labor was significant enough that we seldom resorted to this method.

We were dissatisfied with not only the cost of these procedures but also with the appearance of the projects. I had seen some grinding on some local church properties that looked very nice and after some inquires was put in contact with Ballard Gardner, the man behind the machine so to speak. He was able to provide what I feel is the best solution to our problem. By providing an accurate estimation sheet, we are able to schedule our projects within a given budget. The process was done in a very professional manner. It was clean, fast, and cost effective relative to any other process we had preciously tried.

Although I do not have the specific data to support it, I feel that our injury claims have been significantly reduced. I base this mainly on the reduced number of emergency calls I receive in regards to trip hazards.

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We have removed around 95% of our trip hazards during the past three to four years. Other hazards continue to crop up due to tree roots, ground settling and other factors. We hope to be able to adopt an ongoing plan to eliminate these problems before they cause any other injuries to our people. This should not be too costly since the bulk of the problems were resolved previously and now we are focusing on staying up on things rather than playing catch-up.

Our overall satisfaction with Precision Concrete Cutting is extremely favorable and I would recommend them to anyone concerned with finding a solution to their risk management problems associated with trip hazards and ADA compliance.

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Feel free to contact me if you have any questions,



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