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Dear Mr. Riak:

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the "Plain Talk about Spanking" brochures. In my job as the Early Childhood Specialist in our child-serving community mental health agency, I find it particularly important to have adults make conscious choices about the best way to provide guidance for children. This brochure is given to anyone attending one of my speaking engagements, enrolled in any of our parenting classes, and professionals that have contact with me. Just because "...I was spanked and I turned out OK..." is not a good reason to continue the cycle of physical punishment.

Adults, both parents and professionals, have told me that as a result of raising their awareness, they have made a conscious decision to choose other methods of guiding their children rather than spanking them. What a difference that decision makes in the lives of those children!

Thanks again for providing these brochures at no cost. I will continue to challenge adults to re-think their approach to guidance and discipline.

Sincerely,

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