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Mr. Jim Clemmer  
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Dear Jim:

Our recent 76<sup>th</sup> Home Hardware Market was a very special event! "Home" Dealers from right across the country came to one central location, which they own, to rub shoulders with one another, learn from one another, listen to speakers and purchase product.

Your presentation on Tuesday morning was certainly appreciated by all in attendance and we thank you for taking the time to share your insights and inspire our Dealers and helping to make our Market another success!

Yours truly,

**HOME HARDWARE STORES LIMITED**

Paul Straus  
Vice President and Chief Executive Officer

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100% Dealer-Owned

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Home Furniture