

# The Republican.

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Mr. Dario DiMare  
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Dear Dario:

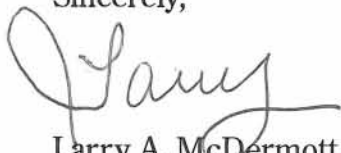
On the occasion of our one year anniversary of going on edition in our new production facility, I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and everyone at Dario Designs for a job spectacularly done.

When we embarked on this project I had only two objectives. Since traditionally presses are buried deep in the bowels of a plant with the operators never seeing the sun or moonlight, I felt it was important to feature a glass facade, bringing our operation into full view. The only other requirement was to bring some curvature to the property in blending the new facility with the old, which had often been referred to as "early penitentiary."

The results are striking. Not only did your design far exceed my expectations, but also we are experiencing a return on our investment that was unanticipated. Upon completion of our project last year, the Springfield Preservation Trust honored The Republican for its "architecturally sensitive and appropriate new addition" to our building. Additionally, because of the modernization of our newly designed plant we have reduced expenses and improved work flow.

Thanks to your vision and the efforts of your colleagues at Dario Designs the new home of The Republican is truly a showplace and landmark.

Sincerely,



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