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Dear Cynthia Busch and the Center for Innovation,

This is John Paolillo and I wanted to touch base with you again to let you know how things have been going since participating in the Innovation Challenge. It has been almost two years since my business partner and I started our landscaping business using our “GreenRox” sifter which won the innovation challenge and things have been really exciting! We have submitted our invention for patent rights and are waiting to hear back from the patent office. All the feedback and publicity that came with the Innovation Challenge really made a big difference. We were timid about disclosing our idea without having already submitting the patent application, but I can tell you, now I truly understand that if the idea is workable it inevitably must be discussed because others will think of design and marketing opportunities otherwise unconsidered. Again, I cannot thank you enough for the support!

On a more personal note, I wanted to let you know that I definitely emphasize the production of our invention, the innovation challenge and the subsequent TV interview on 9News that came as a result of our work with the Center for Innovation. My participation and success there is a strongpoint in my résumé, and has helped me gain acceptance to the Colorado School of Mines for my Master’s in mineral and energy economics. The melding of academic and practical experience the Center of Innovation provided was a highlight of my undergraduate education at Metro and will continue to be something I reference throughout my life as an important hinge-point in my academic and professional development.

I wish you and future students all the best in your endeavors!

Sincerely,

John Paolillo