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Dear Hartwell Medical,

I work for a small Emergency Medical Service in the foothills of North Carolina. About a year and a half ago, we purchased a set of your Fasplints. The item caught my eye because it seemed very cost effective and could be re-used to a certain extent. Like a lot of services, our dollar has to go a long way.

Well, a year and a half later, we still have the same set of splints in use. They are tough, easy to see, easy to clean, and your company thought ahead and placed a large "fill in the blank" label for easy identification. Since then, several other agencies in the county have purchased their own Fasplints. I cannot express to you what a simple and easy to use piece of equipment this is. Every service should put these splints into use. You simply cannot go wrong.

Case in point; I responded, last year, to a single car motor vehicle crash with one confirmed fatality. The patient I was given to care for was a four year old child with an obvious femur and pelvis fracture. Unable to properly position and use a traction splint, I opened up our Fasplints. Placed the size medium onto the long spine board and taped it in place. Our first responders at EMT - Basic level had never seen these splints. Without missing a beat, they aided me in using the Fasplint as an improvised immobilization device for the child's pelvis and femur. Needless to say, it worked and worked well. Not only did it provide immobilization and support, it aided in comfort for the transport to the trauma center. Fasplints are the "improvisers" dream come true.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Crater", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Crater, Supervisor