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-To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid hunter (have been for almost 25 years). In the fall of 1982 I hunted Dall Sheep in the Alaska Range with my Browning 30-06. After the hunt, I asked my father (who owns a sporting goods store in northern Wisconsin for 35 years and has been selling firearms of all makes since that time) to send me a flat shooting rifle, preferably a 270 caliber. He sent me a Remington Model 700 saying that this is just the weapon I needed. I was pleased with his choice because we had both used Remington firearms for many years and had been satisfied with their performance.

This fall I spent \$400.00 to fly in to the Alaska Range after many months of preparing for the hunt. My partner and I hiked approximately 5 to 6 miles where the sheep were bedded and made our stalk. I spotted a trophy ram (with about a 40 inch curl) and was sighting him in. Once I had him sighted in, I eased off the safety and immediately the rifle discharged scattering the sheep. Fortunately, neither my partner nor I was seriously injured, but this incident caused a large gash over my eye, scattered the sheep and, needless to say, ended my hunting trip. I was severely upset not only at the (probable once-in-a-lifetime) chance of "bagging" a trophy, but at the serious danger involved in the mis-firing of this weapon. I am thankful that no lives were lost in this incident. The rifle had never been used before except for target shooting which I did before the hunt to sight it in.

When I arrived back in North Pole, Alaska (my home), I found out that another person had the same experience with his Remington rifle. I wish to have my rifle repaired and \$500.00 reimbursed to me for expenses. I've lost one year of Dall Sheep hunting as well as a trophy ram. I will carry a scar over my eye for the rest of my life as a reminder of this incident.

Sincerely,

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