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**BRUCE RAUNER**  
GOVERNOR

December 9, 2016

Steve Anton  
President, Rahco Rubber, Inc.  
1633 Birchwood Avenue  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

Dear Steve:

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to congratulate you on being chosen by Crain's Rubber and Plastics News as the 2016 Rubber Industry Executive of the Year.

Each year, Crain's chooses an executive in the North American rubber product industry who is instrumental in the success of his or her company, or who has helped further the rubber industry. Your nomination for this award by your colleagues, and further endorsement from other industry executives, speaks to your excellence in leadership. I am proud to join your colleagues in recognizing your accomplishment.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my sincere congratulations and best wishes for much continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rauner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce Rauner  
Governor, State of Illinois