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Mayor of South Haven  
539 Phoenix Street  
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Once again, thank you for taking the time to meet with me in December. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 630-829-9660.

Sincerely,

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