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Dear Mike,

Thank you very much for speaking about your lightning strike experience at the Third Annual Southern New England Weather Conference in Princeton, MA on November 2nd. (Sorry it's taken so long to get this letter out!) Everyone enjoyed your portion and feedback was very positive for all of the speakers! I think the combination of Dr. Rust (lightning research), John Jensenius (lightning safety), and you (lightning victim) was very powerfully effective at getting the word out. We had 300 people in attendance, including professional meteorologists in the public and private sectors, college students, and weather enthusiasts from the general public.

The conference reflected well upon both the National Weather Service, the Blue Hill Observatory, the AMS, the local NWA chapter, and the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Thanks again for helping to make this so successful!

Sincerely,

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