

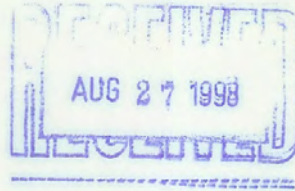
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Roger J Hailey Jr, President
HOWARD'S RUG COMPANY INC
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Dear Mr Hailey:

There is no greater strength for a business than that of prompt paying customers.

We at **SHAW INDUSTRIES, INC.** enjoy the opportunity to recognize our most outstanding and most dependable customers.

We want you to know that we very much appreciate the promptness in which you pay your account. Your cooperation, as well as your business and loyalty to our products, is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Wendy Thomas

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