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Dear Mr. Cohn,

I just returned from a trip to Baltimore. My purpose of going was to meet Shadchanim in order to expand my network beyond Chicago, with a focus on Ner Yisroel (I am looking to marry a boy who is currently in Yeshiva but has a plan for the future). Because most Shadchanim will not work with you unless you have met them, I had to plan a trip to meet with them.

When I was there, I visited the home of the Gottesman's, who are a center for the Shidduch Vision studio. I was amazed by the technology and pleased to see that the resources that have been given to us are being used to help Klal Yisroel. She told me that so far, they had one meeting in their house, as the program is still being set up.

Upon returning home, I realized that the Shidduch Vision system would be an excellent way for girls from different cities to meet with Shadchanim around the nation. I planned my trip to Baltimore in advance, but some of the people I hoped to meet with were out of town by the time I came. In order to meet them again, I would have to purchase another plane ticket just to introduce myself to them.

Meeting with Shadchanim is an essential step in the dating process that is often a given for people who live in the New York area. Living in Chicago, or in other Midwest cities, requires one to travel to meet a Shadchan. This is an extra step that requires a significant amount of time, energy and money.

Using the Shidduch Vision camera to set up a meeting with an out-of state Shadchan would improve the situation immensely. Then, once the Shadchan provides a suitable suggestion, the couple can decide if they want to travel to meet each other or use the Shidduch Vision camera for their initial meeting.

The cities can designate specific nights where their Shadchanim will meet with girls from another city and visa versa. Registration can be online, so girls can send in their resumes in advance. Using Shidduch Vision to meet with Shadchanim would provide a way for people to create a network in a simple, cost effective way.

Just this morning, I had the idea that I should contact you, but I didn't know how to do it. It is the Yad Hashem that has led me to you, because this morning my father told me that you were going to be speaking at the Midwest Agudah Convention tonight!

Thank You.

Sincerely,

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