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Mr. Brian Stock  
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Dear Mr. Stock:

In your October 20 letter to Mr. Richard Powers of my staff, you requested a written response to his earlier informal acceptance of 20-foot (6.1-m) segments of temporary concrete barrier connected by your patented J-J Hooks design.

Based on a review of the original tests you conducted using 12.5-foot (3.8-m) segment lengths with the J-J Hooks connection and on tests conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on 20-foot (6.1-m) long segments with pin and loop connections, we believe that the use of the longer segments with the J-J Hook connection would likely meet Report 350 evaluation criteria, assuming that the reinforcing steel in the longer sections was equal to or greater than the reinforcing used in the design successfully tested by VDOT.

As with all roadside safety hardware, we recommend that your product be monitored to verify satisfactory in-service performance under actual field conditions.

Sincerely yours,

(original signed by David M. Smith)

*for* Frederick G. Wright, Jr.  
Program Manager, Safety