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Dear James,

I'm writing to express my appreciation and admiration of the excellent tree work. The main job was to remove two European birches that were in decline and dying back. One had branches that grew through and entangled with an adjacent Port Orford cedar. Both trees were removed without any injury to the valued Port Orford. Additionally, my neighbor and I engaged your service to trim an oak on the property line and a maple of his.

Your bid came in substantially under that of a well-known alternative, and you also were able to provide stump removal with a compact stump grinder that was able to fit through the narrow gate that led to the back. The gate would have had to be dismantled to permit moving in a conventional stump remover. Your team was in and out quite efficiently, leaving ample firewood for me, and hauling away all the rest. Very impressive.

While part of your team was removing the two trees, the dead wood was being removed from the oak and my neighbor's maple. They are now beautiful specimen trees, showing elegance and grace that had been obscured. The job was not only skillful but artistic. I am particularly happy about how the oak turned out, as it had a problematic branch that was nearly touching my roof. Now, carefully trimmed but not removed, the branch has lifted clear and is graceful, pleasing, and healthy. Curiously, it is hard to tell what was removed. I am grateful for your technical advice, for your trimming brings out the beauty of the oak and maple, and assures their continued health. I would strongly urge others to trust in your knowledge, for there is much to be said about guiding trees back to health, and not simply lopping off what is in the way.

My neighbor is similarly impressed, and we will engage your service for maintaining our laurel hedges.

You came highly recommended, and I am happy to recommend you just as highly. I very much appreciate the care and skill of James Cummings Tree Service.

Sincerely,



Kent A. Stevens,  
Eugene

