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Dear Dr. Sheibani:

It is seven months since my facelift, and I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude: your operation has restored my confidence in my appearance, and with hardly any real pain at all.

I want you to know that people have had a really spectacular response to your work. I stayed inside for two weeks after the operation, but on the 15th day I went back out into the world, having told only one person about the procedure. Absolutely everybody told me *how good I looked in a beard!* "You should have grown a beard *years* ago," they said, "It suits your face so well!" they told me. They saw a huge change, but thought it was my beard! Of course, it was the contour you had created which they perceived *through* the beard that they were really responding to, without knowing it.

Later, when I shaved the beard, people who knew me commented on how much good it had ~~done my face to give it a rest from shaving!~~ And strangers - at the dog park, in the supermarket, at the gym - asked me over and over if I was a "movie star." One day, a guy in the sauna swore he knew me from television, but couldn't remember which show I was on, and then everyone else in the sauna started *naming shows* and asking if I was an actor!

Now, at the seven-month mark, swelling has subsided, tissues have healed, the work has had time to relax. I no longer get the "movie star" remarks; but people still feel compelled to comment all the time on how "well" I'm looking, how "healthy." Of course, what they are *really* admiring is not my beard, my face or my healthy look, but *your* artistic eye, and surgical skill. It is a very, very nice feeling indeed to have confidence in my appearance restored at age 55, and the gratitude I have for you could not be deeper or more genuine. I will always wish you well, Dr. Sheibani.

Sincere thanks,

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