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Dear Dr. Withers:

Thank you for your support as a member of the Mars Exploration Rover Atmospheric Advisory Team. Your assistance was important in ensuring the safety of the landing of the 2nd rover, Opportunity, on January 25, 2004, by analyzing the engineering data to derive the atmosphere characteristics during Entry, Descent, and Landing of the 1st rover, Spirit, which landed on January 3, 2004. Your expertise and independently-derived model results helped in the critical evaluation of the other atmospheric reconstructions, and allowed the Atmospheric Advisory team to provide a thorough assessment to the Mars Exploration Rover engineers and Project Manager. We truly appreciate your participation.

Sincerely,

Joy Crisp