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Ms. Elizabeth Ryan
South Carolina Emergency Management Division
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Dear Ms. Ryan,

On behalf of the State of South Carolina, thank you for your commitment in preparing for and responding to the recent winter weather events, both Winter Storm Leon and Winter Storm Pax. I could not have been more proud of the State Emergency Response Team as, together, we worked to support our local governments and citizens through these back-to-back States of Emergency.

As rare as these emergency events can be, I am always reminded that a core function of government is to secure the rights and safety of our citizens. As part of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, it is your job to keep South Carolina safe, and you should be proud, because you did your job well, helping to effectively manage the largest disaster to hit our state in recent years.

You are a true public servant, and my words of gratitude are not enough to thank you for all that you did during the winter storms. While the majority of South Carolinians had time off from work, enjoying the snow and time at home with family, you were hard at work. Thank you for each and every hour you dedicated to ensuring the safety of our state's citizens.

Team South Carolina is stronger, because you are a part of it. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

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