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Mark, I hope all is well. In Proviso 95.5 a portion of the LGOA funds is retained by the LGOA to allocate to regions "in cases of an emergency and/or natural disaster recognized by the Governor." We have talked to legislative staff and reviewed this ourselves and believe that this may apply in situations other than a "declared" state of emergency and that the proviso language is broader than a "declared" state of emergency. However, it still requires that the Governor recognize the emergency. Our hope would be that should something arise that we could send a request to the Governor's Office for written recognition of the situation, such as a letter, so that the LGOA might allocate funds. An example of how this may arise would be: during hurricane season another state on our boarder might be impacted and it may impact the delivery of food within one of our regions from the regular source. In that case, there would not be a declared state of emergency for the state but a region may still be impacted and need to procure a different food source outside of their existing contracts.

I hope this makes sense, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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