The Honorable Chris Gregoire  
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Dear Governor Gregoire:  

Thank you for your letter of December 13, 2010, informing the Administration that the  
Council of Governors, on behalf of all governors, has approved the Joint Action-Plan for  
Developing Unity of Effort. Your leadership and dedication ensured success. This plan marks  
an historic moment in the relationship between the States and the Federal Government, as well as  
a critical step forward in living up to our mutual obligation to protect American lives in the face  
of catastrophes.  

At the last meeting, the Council discussed the need to close a significant gap in the  
Department of Defense’s ability to provide assistance to States requesting the authority to  
mobilize non-National Guard Reservists. You observed that a legislative proposal to close this  
gap would be most effective if it came from the Council of Governors. I agree and look forward  
to ensuring that the almost 400,000 Reservists, living in thousands of communities across our  
Nation, can be called upon under this new authority to serve the public more effectively during  
natural disasters.  

As always, I appreciate your insights and the leadership you provide to the Council. I  
look forward to seeing you again soon.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]
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