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Washington

September 15, 2010

The Honorable Paul Stockton
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense
and Americas' Security Affairs
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Assistant Secretary Stockton:

As Co-Chairs of the Council of Governors, thank you for your support of the Unity of Effort work session that was held on August 26-27 in Washington, DC. The Joint Action Plan for Developing Unity of Effort that was drafted during this work session is a significant achievement and is just one of several recent examples of how the Council of Governors is strengthening the state-federal partnership to protect our country.

We look forward to continuing to build on the growing consensus regarding how to ensure effective unity of effort during emergencies and to expand this cooperation and progress to the other working groups.

We hope to schedule another work session via teleconference in order to discuss further details regarding the Joint Action Plan for Developing Unity of Effort prior to the next Council meeting on November 8. Ms. Heather Hogsett at the National Governors Association will be in contact with your staff to coordinate this work session.

Thank you again for your leadership and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Douglas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Governor James H. Douglas

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Gregoire", written in a cursive style.

Governor Christine O. Gregoire