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Steven Lant
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Dear Steve:

The two back to back snowstorms last week brought out the very best in so many in our community, notably the employees of Central Hudson, as we all sought to deal with some of the worst storm impacts in our history. On behalf of the residents of Dutchess County, I wish to thank you and all of the employees of Central Hudson, as well as the crews from areas far and wide, for your tireless effort and work over the past several days. Please extend to all the Central Hudson employees my appreciation for their dedication, working around the clock to make sure power was fully restored to thousands of residents.

In the coming days as you and your employees regroup from this massive undertaking, I know you will be reviewing Central Hudson's response to these storms and what steps you will be taking to continue to improve for the future. Dutchess County Government is doing our own internal "After Action Review" to analyze the response from our Emergency Operations Center regarding residents' needs during and after the storm and how we can build upon and improve that response.

I will be contacting you in the next few weeks to set up a meeting where you and I, along with other County senior management, can discuss how Central Hudson and Dutchess County Government can better partner to strengthen our communication, collaboration and our response system for future situations. I look forward to sitting down soon with you and whatever senior operational and management staff you wish to have join us.

Thank you again to all Central Hudson employees for their hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM R. STEINHAUS
Dutchess County Executive

cc: Denise Doring VanBuren, Corporate Secretary and Vice President of Corporate Communications
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