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Aubrey Layne, Jr., Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
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Subject: VDOT Assistance

Dear Secretary Layne:

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On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Virginia Beach, I would like to thank you for VDOT's assistance during the "Big Snow" event during the last week of January 2014. VDOT's willingness to provide over 50 plow trucks with two drivers and supervisors allowed our City to maintain its roads and highways during the 10 inch snow. The coordination provided by the Hampton Roads Regional Office under the leadership of District Administrator Jim Utterbach and his District Maintenance Engineer, John Jacobs was superb.

We were very lucky in that this unusual snowfall only affected the far eastern section of the Commonwealth. Recognizing the availability of VDOT resources, I received a direct phone call from Jim in advance of the storm with an offer to assist. His timely collaboration enabled our City staff to formulate an integration plan. VDOT provided all the assets we requested. Thanks to the dedicated employees and supervisors of VDOT performing magnificently around the clock for a sixty hour window, the City of Virginia Beach quickly got back on its feet.

The professional conduct and support your state assets provided was exceptional. Thank you.

Most Sincerely,

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William D. Sessoms, Jr.
Mayor

*WE ARE REALLY LUCKY
TO HAVE YOU AT THE
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION!*

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c: James Utterbach, Hampton Roads District Administrator
James K. Spore, City Manager