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Dear Lt. Governor Polito,

Thank you for the support you and the Governor supplied to Sudbury during the devastating March storm, which caused town-wide damage and sustained power outages. We were impressed by your quick action. Sudbury still struggles to recover from that storm and is in need of your assistance.

A second storm severely impacted the community with over 19 inches of snow on top of already damaged and downed trees and branches. The first storm caused the Town to activate an emergency shelter, which serviced hundreds of residents, and left over half the town without power for days. Our tree debris is snow covered and we will have a very short window of time to collect the enormous amount of debris from our public ways once the snow melts.

We request additional support to the Town of Sudbury in the form of reimbursement of expenses and additional assistance. The Town continues to address tree damage along public ways, in our parks, and on our walkways. We need help to clear the debris and assistance in transporting it to an appropriate site.

Additionally, we request that the Town be authorized to use emergency procurement in order to quickly and appropriately contract for debris removal. We have local businesses that know the town and can assist us quickly, but we need the authorization to expedite such action. The delay incurred through the normal procurement process will create further public safety issues. We also request reimbursement for the costs for this process.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to hearing from you.