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Spanky's
555 Enterprise Street
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Dear Spanky's,

Now that the terrible wildfires of October are behind us and we turn our efforts to rebuilding and recovery, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the extraordinary service you provided for the community during this emergency.

This emergency challenged us in many ways. We evacuated over half a million people and thousands of animals, making it the largest fire evacuation in the nation's history. Over 20,000 residents took refuge at more than 45 emergency shelters. We answered nearly 109,000 calls for information, set up and operated four Local Assistance Centers that helped more than 24,000 residents and fielded 30 damage assessment teams that assessed more than 2,300 destroyed and damaged structures. With the help of our community partners, our team met every challenge and then some.

I understand that your organization's efforts went above and beyond the call of duty and, for that, I want to extend a special thank you. Your dedication to the public at this critical time was an important factor in our success. We could not have accomplished all we did without you.

Again, thank you for making a truly special effort. I hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season and that your new year is healthy and happy.

Sincerely,

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Thanks so much!

Walter F. Ekard
Chief Administrative Officer

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