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His Excellency Charles D. Baker
State House Rom 360
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

As the Chair of the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, I am writing to request additional assistance for the purpose of snow removal for our cities and towns. As of course you know, the recent series of snow storms has battered our communities and we are now facing an even more serious situation with another storm coming this weekend, while historic depths of snow remain on the ground and in treacherous piles on the streets.

The Metro Mayors Coalition, an organization of thirteen cities and towns in the urban core of metropolitan Boston, is a voluntary forum where members exchange information and create solutions to common problems. The municipal officials that form this group represent over 1.2 million constituents from Boston, Braintree, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Melrose, Medford, Quincy, Revere, Somerville and Winthrop.

The Metro Mayors communities have been particularly hard hit by the series of major snow storms, as many of our communities are among the most densely populated in the United States. There is simply no room left for more snow, so snow removal is of utmost importance. We have very urgent needs for more equipment and personnel to help with snow removal both from previous storms and the anticipated weekend storm. Our equipment has been overtaxed and in some cases has broken down, and our work crews have performed their jobs admirably and tirelessly over more than two weeks to keep our streets clear and safe, but most of them are worn out and reinforcements, including National Guard troops, are necessary. Our equipment needs include additional snow melters, bobcats, front end loaders, dump trucks and tow trucks, and personnel that can operate this equipment is needed as well.

In addition to this request for personnel and equipment, I would like to ask for a meeting or phone call to discuss our communities' urgent needs. My office can be reached at 617-625-6600, ext. 2100. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Somerville
Chair

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