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Governor Kristi Noem
Capitol Building
500 E Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Governor Noem,

On behalf of the St. Francis Mission, I want to thank you for helping the residents of the Rosebud Reservation during the aftermath of our December winter storms. The National Guard and their delivery of firewood made a great difference to those who depend on wood for their heat. Also, the snow removal equipment was needed to break through the ice hardened drifts, that regular equipment could not break through.

The NG's presence brought a sigh of relief as we knew they were bringing much needed wood and that help was here. I checked with an employee of the Tribe's Forestry Department, and he was very appreciative of the wood delivery. He knew the local stockpiles of wood were insufficient and local vendor's wood piles were inaccessible due to the numerous drifts. He stated it was very good wood and sorely needed.

I want to extend my appreciation to you for your dedication to all citizens of our great state. You really do care for all people, and I wanted you to know that you are doing great work. Your recent efforts to assist both Rosebud and Pine Ridge, despite our differences, exemplifies your leadership. Keep up the great work.

Thank you very much, your work is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rodney M. Bordeaux
President
St. Francis Mission