



March 15, 2023

Ronald Fong
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Subject: 2023 March Winter Storm Response

Dear Mr. Fong,

On behalf of Governor Newsom and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, I would like to express my appreciation to the California Grocers Association for your exceptional work in support of the 2023 March Winter Storms Response in the County of San Bernardino. The rapid response to the request to assist these communities with groceries was greatly appreciated.

As you are aware, on February 27, a series of winter storms hit San Bernardino county, dropping several feet of snow, shutting down most mountain roads, and leaving multiple communities stranded.

The State Business Operations Center responded to a request from the County of San Bernardino for donations of groceries to supply meal kits due to its food bank's near depletion of goods and delays in receiving purchased goods for replenishment. Coordinating with Albertsons, Stater Bros., and Superior Grocers, the California Grocers Association was instrumental in meeting this need.

Thank you once again for all your efforts, dedication, and willingness to help our survivors return to their daily lives. I look forward to continuing our partnership in the future.

Sincerely,


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Director

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