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The Honorable Thomas Eifler
Mayor of Indian Hills
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Dear Mayor Eifler:

I know that this year's ice storm placed a great hardship upon your employees, your residents, and your budget. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is partnering with the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management to fully cover the cost to counties and cities for eligible roadway debris removal associated with the January 2009 ice storm.

Typically, FEMA disaster grants require a 12% state match and a 13% local match for all eligible expenses. In an effort to lessen the financial burden on local governments, the Transportation Cabinet will cover the full cost of roadway debris removal for any area declared a disaster, whether a county or city opted to participate in the Cabinet's debris removal contract(s) or not. For costs incurred through the state contract(s), no reimbursement will be sought from counties or cities.

Please understand that FEMA-approved roadway debris removal costs are the only costs that will be covered by the Cabinet. Any reimbursements will be paid in accordance with project valuations and approvals as established by FEMA. Other ice storm-related costs will be subject to the usual disaster grant match rates.

For those entities that contracted for, or conducted eligible work, costs for debris removal must first be approved by FEMA, and then will be reimbursed to counties and cities in full through the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, thereby streamlining the process for local governments. Any questions about reimbursement should be directed to Karen Cronen with the Division of Emergency Management, 502-607-5765.

Communities across the Commonwealth have performed beyond the call of duty to recover from the worst natural disaster in Kentucky's modern history. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Kentucky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven L. Beshear".

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