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To the Employees of the South Carolina Department of Transportation,

On behalf of the State of South Carolina, thank you for your dedicated service during the recent winter weather events, both Winter Storm Leon and Winter Storm Pax. I could not have been more proud of our state's emergency response operations as, together, we worked to support our local governments and citizens through these back-to-back States of Emergency.

As rare as these emergency events can be, I am always reminded that a core function of government is to secure the rights and safety of our citizens, and as employees of DOT, you know all about safety. As part of the team that treats and clears our roads and bridges, you make sure that the safety of the lives of citizens and visitors always comes first.

You and the more than 3,000 of your fellow colleagues are truly the unsung heroes of any major winter weather event. The public does not always get to see what I know to be true – that DOT is the first there and the last to leave. Long before any snow or ice hit our roads, you are there, and long after the snow and ice melt, you are there. For weeks to come, many of you will still be hard at work removing debris from our communities and the sides of our highways.

My words of gratitude are not enough to thank you for all that you did, and continue to do, to help South Carolina through the winter storms. While the majority of South Carolinians had time off from work, enjoying the snow and time at home with family, you were on the job. Thank you for the work you do as public servants, and know that you are appreciated.

Team South Carolina is stronger, because you are a part of it. God bless.

My very best,


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*You have made
South Carolina proud!*