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Mr. Ross R. Guckert
President, Hayden Village HOA
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Dear Mr. Guckert:

Thanks so much for your recent letter regarding snow removal on Sandy Point Lane and Rockpointe Drive during the February storms. As you know, the roads in Fairfax County are owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia and maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). VDOT is responsible for repairing the roads and ensuring that they are safe and drivable. Snow removal is part of this responsibility and the plow crews work under the supervision of VDOT.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. Morteza Salehi, District Administrator for the Northern Virginia District of VDOT so that he will be aware of your comments and questions. In addition, I am also taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to your state legislators for their information.

You might be interested to know that throughout this major snow event my office did serve as a liaison to VDOT to forward requests for plows and/or sand and salt to roadways through out the county. Also, in the midst of the storm I participated in a conference call with VDOT and our county Emergency Management personnel, and I also spoke with the Secretary of Transportation. As a result of these conversations I was assured that VDOT would be making neighborhood streets that were not plowed after the weekend storm a major priority. In order to accomplish this VDOT crews and equipment had to be sent from other parts of the Commonwealth to augment local resources. That said I know that a number of areas roadway were not cleared well or in a timely manner.

The Board of Supervisors is hosting a Snow Summit next week with VDOT, and area state legislators are expected to attend as well. The Summit will be held on March 16, 2010 at 3:30 pm in the Board Auditorium and will be televised live. Thanks again for writing and please be assured that I will keep your comments in mind as we examine and discuss what went right and what went wrong during and following these tremendous storms.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova

Cc: Senator David W. Marsten
Delegate Timothy D. Hugo
Mr. Morteza Salehi

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