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Waterbury Municipal Office
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Dear Citizens of Waterbury:

I am writing in support of the incredible efforts of citizens and business owners in Waterbury to overcome the ravages of Tropical Storm Irene. On August 28, 2011, wind and rain flooded some 200 Waterbury homes and businesses as the storm tore through Vermont. It is the state's worst natural disaster in nearly a century, since the terrible flood of 1927.

Like the 1927 storm, the 2011 event has changed the state physically, socially and politically. Today, groups of volunteers and local and state officials are working through the challenges of meeting immediate needs while maintaining an awareness of the long-term ramifications of the decisions they make.

History is being written in Waterbury now, and those who have contributed to the development of the recovery plan deserve a sincere "thank you" for their hard work. The plan reflects the issues and concerns expressed by members of the community, and the partnerships fostered since Irene form a sturdy foundation for a stronger, more resilient community to come.

The determination and the community commitment shown by Waterbury continue to make it one of the best places to live in Central Vermont. I salute your spirit, and I look forward to supporting your success as we rebuild Waterbury.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Scott".

Phil Scott