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Dear Tony:

You know I'm a man of few words, so it probably doesn't surprise you that my first reaction to the news of your donation to the Vermont Long Term Disaster Recovery Group was simply, "wow." I'll add two more words here: "thank you."

As you well know, there is still a tremendous amount of work still to be done for the state and our people to fully recover from Tropical Storm Irene. So I was grateful for your donation today for two reasons: certainly for the investment itself, which is substantial, but also for the publicity it will bring to the large continuing need. My fear is that many people will forget about the losses suffered by so many Vermonters and in our state's infrastructure as time passes and the news turns to other topics. I also think the full scope of the need has yet to emerge, particularly as Vermont families who were impacted by the storm struggle to heat their homes this winter. So your contribution was very meaningful in many ways.

Again, thank you for all that you have done and will do for the state of Vermont.

Best regards,

Phil Scott