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Ms. Karlie Disidore

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Dear Ms. Disidore

I am writing regarding Hurricane Laura, a Category 4 storm that reached 150 mph winds- On August 27th, 2020, Lake Charles, Louisiana was devastated. Shortly after the devastation, Reuben Roy, a devout long-haul driver for Melton reached out with a mission. To provide much needed supplies and support to Lakes Charles, Louisiana. Rueben, a life-long resident of New Orleans, Louisiana; explained with deep regret and compassion, during Hurricane Katrina, he was deployed to Afghanistan and felt helpless as his parents and family experienced the devastation without their eldest son.

My name is Anne Artman, Executive Director of the Tacoma Recovery Center, located in Tacoma, Washington. I am also from Louisiana and understand the importance of assisting community through partnerships with organizations who share similar purposes. The Tacoma Recovery Center is a community based mental health and recovery center for individuals struggle with homelessness and trauma. Specifically, we provide services for veterans; active and retired. We provide financial support for employment training, such as CDL training, license fees, including license reinstatement. Melton respects, understands, and has supported their community and this country with 60 years of excellent service. This will be a good partnership.

I am asking Melton to join Reuben Roy, Tacoma Recovery Center and possibly FEMA of Pierce County Washington in transporting much needed supplies to the Lake Charles Community. I will assure the supplies needed are provided and facilitate the conversation with Pierce County FEMA. We understand fuel is expensive, including covering the driver cost. Will you share that cost? I would like to confirm a brief meeting to discuss the details and cost of this humanitarian partnership. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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