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Mr. Doug Hecox
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Dear Mr. Hecox:

An ER Application Letter for Disaster CA26-1 December 2025 Storms was submitted to your office on May 20, 2026, and received subsequent approval under the Finding of Eligibility provided by your office on May 27, 2026, covering storm damages in Los Angeles, Mendocino, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Shasta, Sonoma, and Ventura counties as eligible under the Emergency Relief Program.

The Governor's additional supplemental Proclamation of the State of Emergency executed on September 21, 2026, is attached for your review. Subsequent to the ER Application Letter dated May 20, 2026, Santa Barbara County has been identified as having incurred damages from this Disaster. We request your consideration to approve the inclusion of the county.

We hereby submit this Supplemental ER Application Letter to include the above additional identified county as a part of Disaster CA26-1.

Given the anticipated timeframe of a corresponding Finding of Eligibility and the necessary work to complete damage assessment, it is anticipated that additional time will be needed. Therefore, as part of this application the State of California formally requests the Damage Assessment Form due date be extended to December 31, 2026, in order to allow field staff to complete and submit DAFs to FHWA for approval.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (279) 234-2581 or by e-mail at <raul.lerma@dot.ca.gov >.

Sincerely,

RAUL LERMA, Chief
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Attachment
- Supplemental Proclamation of the State of Emergency executed on September 21, 2026

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