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Hudson Oaks Friends and Neighbors,

I want to send a quick message out to our community and show my appreciation to the people who stepped up in the middle of the freezing temperature crisis we experienced and assisted the City of Hudson Oaks in getting our water pumps working and our wells back on line.

A huge "Thank You" to the city employees who worked through the event around the clock last week, away from their families. Many of them did not have power or water at their homes but selflessly served the City of Hudson Oaks. The same praise can be given to our Hudson Oaks police officers who also worked nonstop responding to calls and taking care of our residents.

Another huge "Thank You" to State Senator, Drew Springer, and State Representative, Phil King, who demanded from ONCOR that our municipal water system be powered and brought back online to provide water for our customers. The City previously contacted ONCOR several times with the same request but to no avail. Thanks to State Senator Springer and State Representative King, the City's power to critical water infrastructure was turned back on. Our tower was close to being completely out of water when power was finally restored by ONCOR and the pumps came back online. As a result, some of our residents who were located on the same "grid" regained power as well. The restoration of power allowed our Public Works team to restore water service to our residents.

On behalf of the City of Hudson Oaks, I want to personally thank both Senator Springer and Representative King for taking a leadership role as our state elected officials and for fighting for this community! Thank you also to Jennifer Lundy in Sen. Springer's office and Ashley Westenhover in Rep. King's office for the relentless, hard work and accurate information sharing. Their level of concern and willingness to work with local officials in the best interest of their constituents is a perfect example of how local and state governments should collaborate for the people they represent. And last but not least, thank you to you, our Hudson Oaks residents, for your patience and understanding as we worked to provide and restore service.

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