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A Holiday Message from DuWayne

Dear Friend,

As the holiday season draws upon us, I just wanted to take this opportunity wish you happy holidays and reflect upon the season and the year.

Whether you celebrate Christmas, the Festival of Lights or Kwanzaa this is a time for families, friends and communities to come together and give thanks for all that we have.

I know how profoundly Super Storm Sandy devastated the lives of so many of people in our community. Even more than a month later, my office is working with residents that are still waiting on FEMA, insurance companies and contractors to help them rebuild their homes and their lives.

But also know that in the midst of this tragedy the spirit of our community – and indeed the American community – shone through. Whether you volunteered your time to offload the relief truck from Arabie Louisiana that showed two days before Thanksgiving, or if you made donations to families in need, or even if you just checked in on a neighbor to make sure they were okay, I was moved by countless acts of compassion and selflessness I witnessed in the days and weeks after the storm

If you are still out of your home or continue to experience the aftermath of Sandy, you might not feel the spirit of the season within you. But I would ask you to be mindful of the most important gifts we still do have. Because for all we have weathered and endured, there are 27 families in Sandy Hook Connecticut for whom there really will be no celebrating, but only the continued mourning of an unspeakable tragedy.

May We All Enjoy a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year,

DuWayne