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To Whom It May Concern:

In late January 2009, the State of Kentucky was hit with a devastating ice storm that caused wide spread damage and generated a significant amount of tree related debris along our roadway system. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) immediately put in place a debris removal contract for each county affected throughout the State. This debris removal contract included removal of hangers, leaners and debris existing along our maintained right-of-way that followed FEMA protocol and specifications. I had the opportunity to oversee the work of this debris removal in Ballard County where the services of Bergeron Emergency Services were utilized in accordance with the KYTC debris removal contract. The amount of debris along our state roadway system in Ballard County totaled over 250,000 cubic yards upon completion by Bergeron. Throughout the course of this project I worked closely with Bergeron representatives to ensure that all FEMA guidelines were being adhered to, that safety was always a primary focus to all parties involved, that Bergeron was adequately addressing all affected areas in Ballard County for KYTC, and most importantly that our customer, the public, was receiving a quality product. Several obstacles were encountered through the early part of the debris removal process but through the guidance and coordination of Mr. Dave Fernandez, operations improved and we began to see production in a positive direction. The Bergeron staff was very accommodating and kept in constant contact with all applicable KYTC staff as to work progression, work changes, specific needs, etc. All paperwork was submitted promptly and any requests made by KYTC were addressed in a timely fashion. The project staff took great pride in their work and made a superb effort at ensuring our needs were met on a daily basis.

In closing, I would highly recommend Bergeron Emergency Services for any future debris removal projects and am glad I have had the opportunity to work with them during our recent disaster.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle M. Poat, P.E.".

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