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Honorable Mayor Kenichi Kanamaru
City of Tateyama
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Dear Mayor Kanamaru:

On behalf of the City of Bellingham, the Bellingham Sister City Association, and our entire community, we send you our deepest condolences as your nation works to recover from the devastating earthquake and resulting tsunami.

We are relieved to hear that Tateyama suffered minimal damage, yet we know that your hearts are breaking for your country's loss and destruction. During times like this, we come to depend so heavily on our neighbors and friends for assistance and comfort. Please know that you can rely on your many friends in Bellingham for support and well wishes.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

With deepest condolences,

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham

Stan Snapp, Council President
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