To, The Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation &

Tom Kloker,

 My name is MaryCatherine Hamm, and I’m a 1st grade teacher at Kennedy Elementary in Butte, Montana. I recently received an extremely generous donation to my classroom from Montana Resources here in Butte. I am honored and very grateful for this donation, and what it means to the children in my classroom, and for my future students to come. This is my first-year teaching, and a classroom full of supplies, takes years to build. This donation has given me a head start on making sure my students have the tools they need to be successful; and have a warm, welcoming environment to spend their school days in. As you might know, Kennedy is a Title 1 school, with students from all different socioeconomic backgrounds. In my classroom, it is very normal to supply my students with snacks, socks, gloves, winter hats, and lots of other everyday items they need to be successful, safe, and comfortable. This does not come cheap, but with this donation, I was able to buy these supplies and stock my classroom for many winter seasons to come. Along with that, I was able to purchase many classroom items that I will be able to use for years. Staplers, pencil sharpeners, classroom decorations and so much more. This was a gift that was unexpected, generous, and so kind. I am so incredibly grateful to have been chosen for this, thank you so much!

Sincerely,

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