



May 25, 2021

The Honorable George P. Bush  
Commissioner  
Texas General Land Office  
1700 N. Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78701

**RE: Houston CDBG-MITIGATION programs**

Dear Commissioner Bush,

As elected leaders for our community, we write today to express our profound disappointment by the announcement of the General Land Office regarding the lack of flood mitigation funding (CDBG-MIT) for the City of Houston and Harris County. Having lived through Hurricane Harvey as residents of this community, we simply cannot accept this decision from your office.

As you are well aware, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 made \$28 billion available in disaster recovery funds and directed the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to allocate no less than \$12 billion to mitigation activities nationwide (proportional to the amounts that CDBG-DR grantees received for qualifying disasters in 2015, 2016 and 2017). Out of \$12 billion available for mitigation activities, \$4.3 billion were allocated to the State of Texas.

- Harris County, which includes the City of Houston, is identified as the only county that experienced consecutively 2015, 2016, and 2017 flood disasters.

The City of Houston and Harris County account for over 50% of the damage from Hurricane Harvey. It is because of the damages that HUD awarded \$4.3 billion in mitigation funding to Texas.

We ask you to reconsider your decision, to immediately revise your metrics, and allocate the CDBG-Mitigation funding based on the proportionality of the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey.

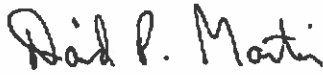
Sincerely,



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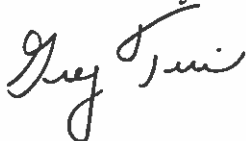
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