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Mr. Brock Long
FEMA Administrator
Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Administrator Long:

The City of Houston has experienced a catastrophic event, Hurricane Harvey, and the assistance of FEMA is critical to the recovery of our families and community. We are requesting your expeditious action on the following:


- 100% federal reimbursement for Categories A (debris removal) & B (emergency protective measures) as was approved for Katrina, Rita and Ike.
- Advance funding for the Public Assistance program (all categories of work)
 - We are seeking the initial advance funding of \$300 million of which \$100 million will be used for immediate debris removal.
 - As we get more accurate damage assessment estimates, our goal is to secure total advance funding.
- At least 15-20 Disaster Recovery Centers to be adequately staffed throughout the City of Houston to expedite assistance to individuals
 - Deploy 4-5 centers for each quadrant of the City
 - Provide adequate staffing to ensure that disaster survivors are promptly assisted
- Funding of up to \$1.75 billion for a FEMA Sheltering and Temporary Essential Power (STEP) or Rapid Repair program to expedite the return of families to their homes and contribute to a whole community recovery for approximately 50k homes.
 - We are seeking to increase the cap of this funding to up to \$35,000/home
- 100% advance funding and expedited processing for First Responders who lost property in the line of duty.
 - The City of Houston wishes to serve as a pilot program for the 100 Houston Fire Department and 200 Houston Police Department personnel who had significant damage

to their homes and losses due to Hurricane Harvey. Many of these First Responders are not insured.

- The City of Houston will also be asking HUD for an immediate release for CDBG-DR funds and seek FEMA support in this request to compliment the recovery efforts. The coordinated and timely release of funds will enable the City of Houston to become more resilient and recover faster.

Thank you for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,



Mayor Sylvester Turner