

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 12, 2018

The Honorable William B. Long  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
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Washington, D.C. 20472

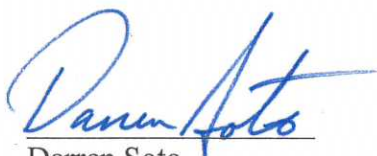
Dear Administrator Long:

We write to respectfully request that FEMA expand the Direct Lease program to include host states, and extend the Temporary Shelter Assistance (TSA) program to June 1, 2018 for the survivors of Hurricane Maria currently residing in Florida. As a host state, Florida has received over 300,000 evacuees from Puerto Rico and has been unable to provide affordable housing due to limited resources.

As you know, the Puerto Rican government has requested approval from FEMA for the Direct Lease program to be extended to host states. If this program is not approved for Florida, it will be a detriment to the state and the Puerto Rico evacuees. Hurricane Maria survivors should be eligible to receive assistance through the end of the school year in order to prevent further disruption to their education, which is why we are requesting to extend the TSA program until June 1, 2018.

Puerto Rican evacuees in Florida need housing. Florida needs assistance to support the housing needs of the Puerto Rican evacuees. Therefore, we respectfully request your full and fair consideration to approve the Direct Lease program for the Puerto Rican evacuees in Florida, and extend the TSA program to June 1, 2018. We thank you for your continued attention to this ongoing matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Robert A. Brady  
Member of Congress



Kathy Castor  
Member of Congress



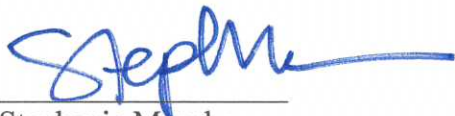
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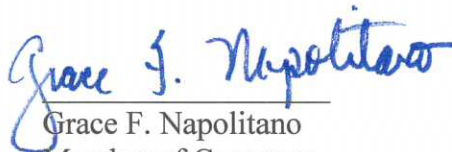
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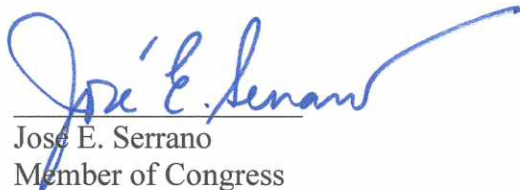
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