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President-elect Donald J. Trump  
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Dear President-elect Trump:

Thank you again for coming to Louisiana to see firsthand the effects of historic flooding that occurred in March and August of this year. As you saw, these storms devastated homes, entire communities and businesses. As I have stated multiple times, Louisiana's strength lies within its people. I am extremely proud of the resiliency and compassion shown to neighbors in their time of need.

This year alone, 56 of Louisiana's 64 parishes have been federally declared as major disaster areas. These two events have been catastrophic for Louisiana families and businesses with well over 100,000 homes and over 6,000 businesses sustaining flood damage. In September, Congress appropriated \$438 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding as a start to assist with Louisiana's recovery needs. I, along with the Louisiana congressional delegation and our statewide elected officials, have worked tirelessly to secure funding to Louisiana families. While we are grateful for this initial down payment, there continues to be significant and immediate unmet needs.

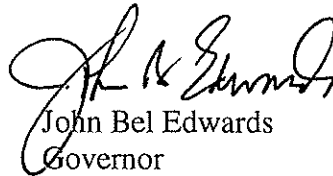
Congress is considering a Continuing Resolution (CR) that would allocate an additional \$1.2 billion in CDBG funding for Louisiana, in addition to other sources of assistance. This allocation of funding, combined with our previous award, is still well below our most pressing need, bringing Louisiana families home. Our request for housing recovery alone exceeds \$2.6 billion.

As you transition into the White House, I respectfully request your support of our ongoing recovery efforts and look forward to working with you and your administration to bring the necessary help to the people of Louisiana. As I said at the time, I am grateful for the attention you brought to our state with your visit along with the donation of much needed resources to South Louisiana families.

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Again, I congratulate you on your victory. The people of Louisiana will be a strong partner with you and your administration as you take office. My wife Donna and I will keep you and your family in our prayers as you begin this new journey. Your success as President is our success as a state and nation. We are ready to roll up our sleeves and work with you in the New Year.

With kindest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent.

John Bel Edwards  
Governor