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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1803

October 11, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
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West Wing
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear President Trump:

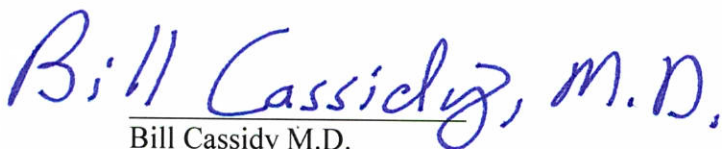
We are writing to request that the federal government expedite its disaster declaration for certain Louisiana parishes that were devastated by Hurricane Harvey.

As you know, the Governor of the State of Louisiana, John Bel Edwards, sent a letter dated September 25, 2017 to your office formally requesting a major Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance, and all programs for Individual Assistance, for Calcasieu Parish. The Governor also requests a major Presidential Disaster declaration for Public Assistance for nine additional Parishes: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, St. Charles, and Vernon.

Louisiana's southwestern parishes were hit just as hard as the southeastern counties of Texas. It is critically important we remember that Hurricane Harvey affected the entire region, not just areas within arbitrary state lines. The damage has overwhelmed State and local capabilities in Calcasieu Parish, and federal assistance is desperately needed. Additionally, the adverse effects of the storm have further compounded the damage caused by flooding in Louisiana in 2016, from which many of the families affected by Hurricane Harvey are still trying to recover.

Again, we respectfully request that the federal government expedite its disaster declaration and include Louisiana parishes adversely impacted by Hurricane Harvey. As elected officials, we must do all we can to assist affected Americans in their time of need.

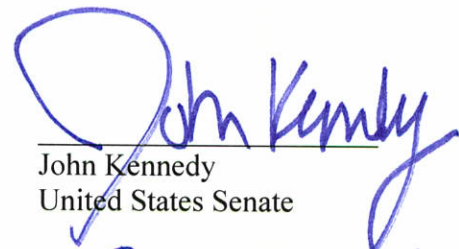
Sincerely,



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