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Mr. William B. "Brock" Long  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Administrator Long,

I write you regarding the urgent housing needs facing our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico. I understand that Governor Rosselló has requested Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) support for survivors of Hurricane Maria from FEMA. I also understand that this request was denied. I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision. It is critical that FEMA allow Puerto Rico to access DHAP so that thousands of Americans have the simple security provided by having a roof over their head.

Puerto Rico is still at the early stages of recovering from the effects of Hurricane Maria after it hit the island on September 20. Since then, I have personally visited the island and spoken with Governor Rosselló multiple times. He has told me repeatedly that Puerto Rico still doesn't have the resources it needs to rebuild its power grid, let alone repair and rebuild housing. It has taken far too long to get Puerto Rico the support it needs, and scandals like the selection of contractor Bronze Star to furnish plastic tarps and sheeting have further delayed necessary aid. The response following Hurricane Maria has been unacceptable and has left millions of Americans without electricity, water, food, and roofs over their heads.

Puerto Rico is home to over three million Americans who contribute to our national economy and have family members across the continental United States, many of whom are in New York's 18<sup>th</sup> district. No American should have to struggle to find housing, especially after a disaster – and especially when there are programs that were created specifically to alleviate suffering in such situations.

The DHAP is a necessary and immediate solution to the housing needs now faced by thousands of Puerto Rican families. The rental assistance and case management services it would provide for survivors of the disaster would offer them the stability needed to secure employment and access other public benefits as they rebuild their lives.

I request that you allow survivors of Hurricane Maria to access the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Disaster Housing Assistance Program immediately.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. Please contact my Washington, D.C. office if there is any additional information I can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and strokes, positioned above a horizontal line.

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Sean Patrick Maloney  
Member of Congress