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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United State of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President

First, let me wish you a speedy and full recovery.

I am writing to thank you for your visit to Southwest Louisiana on August 29, 2020 and ask for your continued support. Your show of compassion and commitment to aid in our recovery from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Laura was important to lifting spirits and offering hope.

The storm has caused significant financial hardship to the people of Southwest Louisiana and to the governments they rely on. I am confident that even if the federal government offered our local and state governments the usual 75% - 25% financial aid through the Stafford Act, the fiscal burden to Louisiana, its parishes and municipalities could be insurmountable.

Therefore, Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Louisiana, I am asking you to please consider using the power of your office to waive the State match usually requested in Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act relief package. The impacts of both the pandemic and the natural disaster have created much hardship for the people of our state, and only you and our federal government's support can lift the financial weight that gives them anxiety each and every day.

With your help, Louisiana and its people will rise quickly. Should you agree to lift the 25% request for our speedy recovery, our citizens will be forever grateful, and I will ensure that Louisianians from every nook and cranny of our state know of your dedication to our state and care for our communities.

Mr. President, our prayers and well wishes are with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Billy Nungesser".

Billy Nungesser  
Lieutenant Governor