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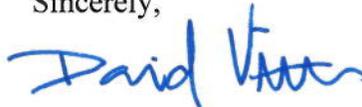
Administrator Fugate,

I write today regarding the urgent need for operational Disaster Recovery Centers in the twenty Louisiana parishes that are presidentially declared disaster zones due to this week's unprecedented flooding. As of August 19, 2016, there are zero in operation. I also understand that sites for these recovery centers have not been selected at this point. This is unacceptable. These centers are crucial to the immediate response and long-term recovery in these devastated communities.

I understand that your agency must coordinate with state and local government to organize location assessments, account for safety, and staff the centers. Unfortunately, this process is taking far too long as these disaster recovery centers are not available in any of the affected communities.

The citizens of Louisiana are all too familiar with the pain associated with natural disasters. Please do not let government ineptitude further contribute to their loss. I strongly urge you to get these centers up and running immediately. Please provide me with a list of locations for operational disaster recovery centers as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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