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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528

RE: Project Worksheets (PW) Extension Requests from FEMA-1603-DR-LA (Hurricane Katrina Disaster) Submitted Through the State of Louisiana

Dear Secretary Noem:

As the U.S. Representative for Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, I urge your full and fair consideration of the extension requests of Project Worksheets (PW) from FEMA-1603-DR-LA (Hurricane Katrina Disaster) submitted through the State of Louisiana. These extensions are essential to ensure the successful completion of critical infrastructure and community facility projects that remain vital to the safety and resilience of Louisiana communities after the historic destruction of Hurricane Katrina.

An extended period of performance is vital to complete these projects, which have faced extraordinary challenges beyond grantees' control. The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant disruptions to construction timelines, supply chains, and project management capabilities. Additionally, unforeseen issues related to aging and below-sea-level infrastructure have arisen during construction, necessitating careful engineering solutions that could not have been anticipated in the initial project planning. Local contractor workforce shortages have further compounded these delays, making it difficult to maintain the current completion schedules despite the grantees' best efforts.

While these grantees have made substantial progress toward project completion, changes in scope and technical complexity require additional time to complete responsibly and in full compliance with federal requirements. Granting extensions will ensure taxpayer dollars are used efficiently, transparently, and as Congress intended: to deliver durable infrastructure improvements that protect lives and property, enabling these communities to complete their recovery from the costliest disaster in American history.

These projects represent a federal commitment to the people of Louisiana who suffered devastating losses during Hurricane Katrina. Allowing sufficient time for proper completion honors that commitment and ensures that these communities receive the full benefit of federal disaster assistance.

A full list of the PW extension requests submitted through the State of Louisiana is attached with this letter. I respectfully request your approval of these extension requests and provide Louisiana communities with the time needed to complete these critical projects to the highest standards. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Troy A. Carter, Sr.", written in a cursive style.

Troy A. Carter, Sr.
Member of Congress

Attachment: Project Worksheet Extension Request List