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Mr. W. Craig Fugate, Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Mr. Fugate,

I am writing to you on behalf of the countless constituents who have been affected by Super Storm Sandy. As you are aware my district as well as much of Long Island was devastated by this epic super storm. Almost 60 percent of the flood insurance cases have been underpaid. The deadline imposed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency currently is Tuesday September 15, 2015.

According to local reporting, which cited the Federal Review, "more than half of homeowners who asked to have their settlements re-examined were underpaid by an average of nearly $16,000." Furthermore, it goes on to say that "the preliminary findings, based on about 550 claims, mark the first time Washington has produced evidence that appears to confirm that underpayments to policyholders were widespread after the 2012 storm."

Following the news of the deadline U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand have already called for an extension of the sign-up deadline. I've been working closely with Town of Hempstead Senior Councilman Anthony J. Santino on behalf of the 142,000 other eligible homeowners who have yet to signed-up for this review, we are asking FEMA to respectfully extend this deadline. The current federal review was only a small sample-set, and if there is this much discrepancy with the data than there will be at least as many—if not more—claims that were underpaid.

It is with this in mind that we once again ask that you extend the deadline to file so that an in-depth federal review for homeowners whose properties were damaged by Super Storm Sandy.

Should you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 516-561-8216.

Sincerely,

Brian Curran
Member of Assembly, 21st AD

cc: Senior Councilman Anthony J. Santino

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