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Re: Some Sandy Funding Approved by House of

Representatives

Dear Mayor:

As the first order of legislative business in the 113th Congress, the U.S. House overwhelmingly approved \$9.7 billion to pay flood insurance claims for the many home and business owners flooded out by Superstorm Sandy. The vote came more than two months after the storm hit and days after Governor Christie and several other leaders decried House Speaker John Boehner's decision to delay an earlier vote. The bill gives more borrowing authority to the National Flood Insurance Program to pay about 115,000 pending claims.

Friday's 354-67 vote sent the bill to the Senate, which then passed the measure with a unanimous voice vote. All 12 New Jersey Congressmen and both of our Senators voted in favor of the bill, which was introduced by New Jersey Congressman Scott Garrett (District 5).

Speaker Boehner has publicly pledged to allow a vote on January 15 on the balance of supplemental funding (approximately \$51 billion) needed for Sandy relief. That will include funding to support relief efforts for municipalities, small businesses and NJ Transit, among others. We will keep you posted.

Please reach out to Senators Lautenberg and Menendez and you Congressman and thank them for their efforts on this and the balance of the supplemental relief funding. Also, let the Governor's Office know that you appreciate his strong statements in support of our needs.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

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