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Mr. William Fugate  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street, SW, Room 714  
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Administrator Fugate:

First off, thank you for the commendable job you have done in helping communities recover and rebuild after the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. Many of my constituents, including families and businesses, were impacted by Hurricane Sandy and continue to feel the effects of this storm even today. While our work is not yet complete, FEMA has played an integral role in helping many of those in need and building back these communities.

I am writing today regarding the lack of eligibility for housing cooperative (co-op) and condominium associations to apply for federal disaster assistance through FEMA. As you are aware, I have sent previous letters and introduced legislation that would allow for these associations to apply for FEMA grants. In addition, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2014 required FEMA to report to the House Appropriations Committee, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs describing options for making housing co-op and condominium associations eligible for federal disaster assistance.

I understand that FEMA is currently working on this report and look forward to it being submitted to Congress expeditiously, so that I can review its findings and continue our work together to ensure that the vital assistance FEMA provides is available to all who need it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Israel".

STEVE ISRAEL  
Member of Congress