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June 10, 2009

The Honorable Daniel Inouye
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
The Capitol, S-128
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
The Capitol, S-128
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The Honorable Robert Byrd
Chairman
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The Honorable George Voinovich
Ranking Member
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SH-125
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Inouye and Byrd and Ranking Members Cochran and Voinovich:

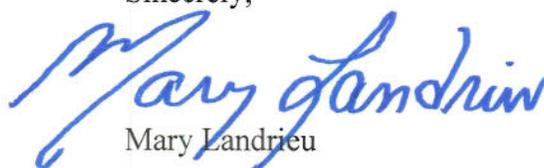
As the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee considers requests for the Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental Appropriations bill, I respectfully request a provision in the bill to provide a 100% federal share to communities affected by Hurricane Ike for Public Assistance authorized for debris removal (Category A) under Section 407 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. I also request that the provision authorize a 90% federal share to communities affected by Hurricane Ike for all other types of Public Assistance (Categories B-G and Z) authorized under Section 403 and Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Further, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate for the FY 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Thank you for considering this very important request, and please contact Ben Billings on my staff for additional information at (202) 228-6697 or ben_billings@hsgac.senate.gov.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


Mary Landrieu