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President Barack Obama  
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Dear President Obama:

I write in reference to a letter sent to you on April 5, 2016 by Mayor Jamie Mayo of the City of Monroe, Louisiana, regarding the recent flooding in our state. I strongly echo his sentiments and respectfully urge your administration do everything in its power to support the people of Louisiana during this difficult time.

As Mayor Mayo mentioned, the historic flood of March 2016 caused catastrophic damage in the City of Monroe as well as the rest of the state. To date, 36 of the state's 64 parishes have received a federal disaster declaration and thousands of residents remain without home or property as the flood waters have yet to fully recede.

This past month I have spent most of my time visiting with constituents and local officials back home to assess the damage and provide what assistance I can. I have been inspired by the way communities across Louisiana have answered the call to serve and by the stories of individuals selflessly putting themselves at risk to help their neighbors. I am also grateful for the courage of our first responders and the continued work by faith-based charities, non-profits, and state and federal agencies to help Louisiana recover.

Recovery will be a long, arduous process. But the people of Louisiana are strong, independent and resilient; we will overcome this adversity like we have in the past. I am truly honored to serve this great state in Congress.

As the process of recovery continues, I ask that you and your administration remain committed to seeing Louisiana through this difficult time. A strong federal commitment to supplement the work being done on the state and local levels is critical to ensure that the survivors of this disaster can rebuild their livelihoods so that Louisiana can continue to grow. I thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ralph Abraham, M.D.  
Member of Congress

Cc: Governor John Bel Edwards, State of Louisiana  
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