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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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Dear Mr. President,

We write to express our gratitude for declaring a ninety percent federal cost share for Hurricane Irma debris removal. This federal assistance has made a tremendous impact in allowing our communities to begin the recovery and rebuilding efforts. Yet, debris remains a hazard for public safety and first responders. That is why we request the ninety percent federal cost share be extended for an additional thirty days.

Our communities have been working around the clock since September 10th to rebuild and restore our neighborhoods, business, and schools. Given the significant state-wide impact, many local municipalities are still recovering and removing large quantities of debris. The speed of removing the debris is of concern for public safety, local budgets, and recovery efforts. While our communities have made major strides, we are far from a full recovery. These factors are why an extension of the ninety percent federal reimbursement for an additional thirty days is crucial for recovery efforts.

Thank you again for your rapid assistance in preparing and responding to Hurricane Irma. Your consideration of an extension is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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