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The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States of America  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. President:

On September 4, 2008, Governor Bobby Jindal requested a 100% federal cost-share following Hurricane Gustav for all disaster relief programs associated with FEMA's delivery of both Category "A" and "B" Public Assistance (for debris removal and emergency protective measures, respectively). Additionally, this 100% federal cost-share request would pertain to expenses related to Direct Federal Assistance being provided during the disaster response and early recovery period. I fully support the Governor's request.

The state of Louisiana has already committed extensive resources in response to Hurricane Gustav and continues to increase that commitment, but it is not enough. As you know, all 64 parishes in the state of Louisiana declared a State of Emergency and all were either directly affected by the storm and/or assisting the evacuees. There are extensive reports of power outages, flooded and blocked roadways, debris-strewn communities, and damaged housing. Your approval of 100% federal reimbursement for Categories "A" and "B" Public Assistance and Direct Federal Assistance for the life of this disaster would go a long way toward promoting a rapid recovery across our state.

Hurricane Gustav delivered a blow to an area still recovering from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Without this federal assistance, an impossible burden is placed on our state and local governments, and the citizens who struggle everyday to put their lives back together. Federal cost-share for disaster assistance is desperately needed and vital to the recovery of our state. As always, thank you for your assistance and support in dealing with this disaster. With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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Member of Congress