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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

I write on behalf of the State of North Carolina to implore you to cease the federal government shutdown so our state can continue to rebuild from hurricane flood waters and prevent future damage.

While we continue the short-term recovery help with FEMA's help, our critical long-term work to rebuild stronger and smarter is delayed with every day that federal funds are held in Washington.

North Carolina was notified in April 2018 of a \$168 million award from the US Housing and Urban Development for mitigation to make our state's flood-prone areas safer. However, without publication in the Federal Register, the funds remain unusable.

Similarly, another HUD appropriation of \$1.68 billion for 2018 storms was enacted swiftly in September as part of the FAA reauthorization bill but still awaits allocation to affected states. Without guidance, states are left waiting to learn their allocated shares and how best to put these funds to work.

With HUD's doors shuttered communities across our state are without a roadmap showing how to partner with the federal government to strengthen infrastructure, protect life and property, and move people out of harm's way.

The government shutdown is also threatening the livelihood of our farmers, many of whom were swamped by the same hurricane waters that destroyed homes and businesses. Help from the US Department of Agriculture for hurricane affected farms is unavailable, and farmers hoping to plan for this year's planting season are running out of time.

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As you witnessed when you visited last year, Hurricane Florence dumped trillions of gallons of rain on North Carolina, flooding whole cities and ruining homes, crops, schools and entire communities. River flooding continued for weeks. Major interstates were closed. Forty-one people died and many more were injured.

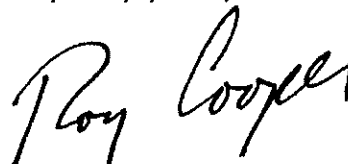
The people of North Carolina are strong and are working hard to rebuild. But we are equally determined to hold the federal government to its promise of help.

During your visit following Hurricane Florence, you promised me the 100% support of the federal government in North Carolina's recovery. This shutdown makes that promise harder to keep. Please work with Congressional leaders to end this shutdown so our communities can rebuild quickly and effectively.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss this work.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roy Cooper

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