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Dear Commissioner Constable and Director Brody:

I am writing to express my support for additional resources for county-wide Long Term Recovery Groups to help them continue to provide critical assistance to Superstorm Sandy victims. It has been over two years since Sandy struck our coastline and thousands of New Jersey residents still remain in dire need of assistance to rebuild and return to their homes.

The Long Term Recovery Groups have provided critical support to Superstorm Sandy victims in all areas of the rebuilding and recovery process. From helping applicants navigate the various state and federal rebuilding programs, to offering counseling services and helping victims find resources to fill unmet needs, these recovery groups have served as a critical lifeline for countless disaster victims. With thousands of residents still struggling to get through the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation (RREM) program, these continued services are needed now as much as ever.

The Long Term Recovery Groups are uniquely positioned to partner with the State to help accelerate the pace of recovery and rebuilding. Without additional resources, the Long Term Recovery Groups will be forced to significantly curtail and potentially even shut down their operations, leaving countless victims without this critical assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Senator Robert Menendez