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The Honorable W. Craig Fugate
Administrator
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Dear Administrator Fugate,

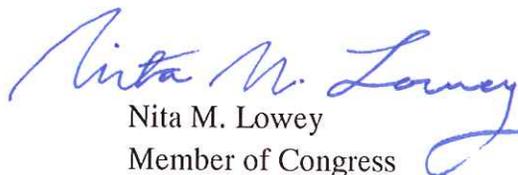
As FEMA continues its initial response to Hurricane Sandy, I write in support of amending New York State's Federal Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Sandy to include Westchester and Rockland Counties. Over the course of the storm, this area was hit with significant rainfall, high winds, flooding, and, tragically, loss of life.

Preliminary Damage Assessment teams have been on the ground in the region and reports of damages to homes, businesses, and infrastructure are expected to clearly surpass the threshold for federal assistance. I therefore urge you to expedite a forthcoming request from Governor Cuomo and include Westchester and Rockland Counties in New York State's Federal Disaster Declaration without delay.

I hope that you will act quickly on this request to aide residents of Westchester and Rockland Counties as they recover from this natural disaster.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Nita M. Lowey
Member of Congress

CC: Governor Andrew M. Cuomo