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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

On behalf of the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, thank you for your support as we in Charlotte County, and other impacted communities in Southwest Florida, work to recover from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Ian.

One of our top priorities for helping our community get back to some semblance of normalcy is to clear the monumental amount of debris that plagues our neighborhoods and are doing so expeditiously under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) definition of "Emergency Work," also known as Categories A & B, or debris removal and emergency protective measures. We appreciate your willingness to provide 60 days' worth of 100% federal cost share for such activities. However, knowing of the immense challenge ahead, we respectfully request an extension of an additional 60 days, to bring the total period for completion of Categories A & B to 120 days at 100% federal expense.

In Charlotte County alone, we estimate we will exceed more than 2 million cubic yards of debris to be picked up, but we are still determining how much we truly have. During our cleanup from Hurricane Charley in 2004, we had roughly 1.8 million cubic yards and that storm was isolated to the southern portion of our County. Meanwhile, our debris removal efforts lasted for 2 months post Hurricane Irma, yet that was a relatively small storm compared to the catastrophe we have just endured.

With that in mind, please extend Categories A & B to 120 days at full federal expense and provide us with the certainty we need to help our community recover.

Thank you again for your support thus far. We appreciate all you have, and will still do, to help Charlotte County and southwest Florida recover from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Ian.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William G. Truex".

William G. Truex, Chairman  
Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners

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