



August 30, 2017

The Honorable Brock Long
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Long,

Hurricane Harvey battered Texas over the last 5 days. The entire coastline of Texas has been hit by Hurricane Harvey, with unprecedented flooding in Houston and surrounding counties.

With offices and employees in Houston, Beaumont, and Galveston, and extensive experience representing thousands of National Flood Insurance Program flood victims across the country, our law firm has been closely monitoring these severe weather developments.

I am writing to respectfully request you immediately issue an emergency order extending by one year the 60-day deadline for victims of Hurricane Harvey and other related storms to file proofs of loss and estimates for flood damage with the NFIP. This extension would give families, businesses, churches, and other flood victims vital extra time to secure remediation and repair estimates in order to ensure that their losses are paid in a timely and complete manner. The 60-day deadline is impossible to meet under the circumstances. FEMA may extend these deadlines later, but delaying the decision to extend causes undue stress and hardship on victims of Hurricane Harvey.

I am also requesting that you work with the Write Your Own insurance carriers, as well as adjusters, and engineers in the affected regions, to prevent Texans from being victimized by altered engineers' reports or adjusters' reports, as we saw in claims made for Super Storm Sandy in New York and New Jersey.

Respectfully,


J. Steve Mostyn

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