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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501

Dear Speaker Boehner:

I write to urge you to reconsider your decision to adjourn the 112th Congress *sine die* without holding a vote on the bipartisan, Senate-passed Hurricane Sandy relief package.

It has been more than two months since Hurricane Sandy struck the East Coast, particularly affecting the states of Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. It has been almost a month since the White House Office of Management & Budget (OMB) conveyed a request to Congress for funds necessary to finance a needed recovery effort and to help the region prepare for future severe storms and coastal flooding. The Senate passed a disaster supplemental bill with bipartisan support last Friday, December 28, 2012. So I was stunned and dismayed by your decision to adjourn without addressing the urgent need of Sandy-affected states for assistance in our efforts to rebuild and recover.

Your decision to postpone consideration of a disaster supplemental until after the 113th Congress commences likely delays delivery of relief for months, and therefore delays the process of rebuilding from Sandy. It sends a terrible message to the citizens of the affected states that the leadership of the House of Representatives feels no sense of urgency, with winter upon us, to aid fellow citizens in their great time of need as the Congress has done time and time again when other natural disasters have devastated communities elsewhere in this country.

It should be an inviolable principle of the United States Congress to act quickly when tragedy strikes. This delay is unconscionable and I urge you to reconsider. Should you choose not to do so, I ask you to expedite consideration of the OMB's request immediately upon convening the 113th Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dannel P. Malloy".

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor