

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

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Major P. May
Regional Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Atlanta, GA 30341

Dear Administrator May:

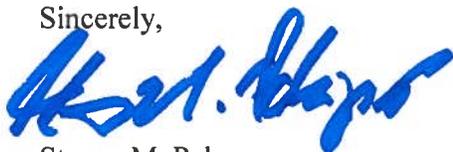
I am writing to express my disappointment in FEMA's obstruction of Hurricane Isaac disaster recovery efforts in South Mississippi. As you know, several cities and counties along Mississippi's Gulf Coast were devastated by Hurricane Isaac in August 2012. In response, FEMA declared the Coast a "disaster area."

Since that time, Harrison County, the City of Gulfport, and the City of Long Beach have petitioned for disaster relief funds to rebuild and repair piers damaged by Hurricane Isaac. Discouragingly, FEMA has denied their requests. Harrison County repaired its pier following post-Katrina and post-Gustav approval processes and repair guidelines; however, FEMA has denied its Hurricane Isaac reimbursement requests for failing to comply with these same requirements.

FEMA has also blocked the cities of Gulfport and Long Beach from pier-repair efforts by unjustifiably delaying its response to their requests. Because damage occurred to these Gulf Coast piers more than a year ago, I am requesting that FEMA expedite approval of, and fund distribution for, these projects.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (202)225-5772.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Palazzo
Member of Congress