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Dear Administrator Long:

On behalf of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners, I am requesting your immediate attention and action regarding the urgent need for a continuation of Hurricane Maria Disaster Assistance for displaced Puerto Rican evacuee families and individuals who are now located in the Central Florida region.

To best allow evacuee students to complete the current school year with a minimum of further disruption, it would be ideal for FEMA to extend housing assistance to June 1. The extension would also provide the families additional time to save funds needed for rentals and other services needed.

In keeping with Central Florida's culture of care and compassion, Orange County Government has collaborated and partnered with numerous non-profits and local agencies to assist in relief and recovery efforts for our brothers and sisters from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands impacted by Hurricane Maria. We respectfully ask for your continued leadership and action in providing Disaster Assistance to the many Puerto Rican families, children and individuals who continue to call Central Florida home.

Sincerely,

Teresa Jacobs

c: Orange County Congressional Delegation
Rick Scott, Governor
Orange County Board of County Commissioners
Wes Maul, Florida Department of Emergency Management
Ron Plummer, Orange County Emergency Management