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February 26, 2021

Mr. Bob Fenton
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Acting Administrator Fenton,

I write today to urge you to provide timely and fair consideration to the Robeson County School District's alternative procedures project request, PW #01901. In 2016, Hurricane Matthew ripped through Southeast North Carolina, destroying more than 98,000 homes, leaving 20,000 businesses in ruins, and inflicting extensive damage to the Robeson County School District. In order to fully recover, the Robeson County School District filed an alternative procedures project request with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As of today, this matter has yet to be resolved favorably, leaving this community deprived of the necessary and promised relief. I implore you work speedily to resolve this case and ensure the Robeson County School District can finally begin to rebuild.

As you know, in September 2017, the Robeson County School District filed an alternative procedures project request with FEMA to group several projects together to help relocate a school out of a flood zone. This project will replace eight facilities owned by the school district, totaling \$87,585,653.60.

Four years later, my constituents are still without a favorable resolution. This process has dragged on far too long, leaving this community waiting for desperately-needed assistance. Additionally, from my understanding, officials from the Robeson County School District met with FEMA officials in September 2020 and were informed that the FEMA Region IV team was still reviewing the application.

As you consider this request, I also ask that your office coordinate with the Robeson County School District. Coordination and communication are a key tenet of FEMA's ability to respond to emergencies. My hope is FEMA will provide swift and due consideration to the Robeson County School District's long-pending application. I look forward to working with you to ensure proper relief is disbursed for the Robeson County School District. Thank you for your attention to this vitally important matter.

Sincerely,


Dan Bishop
Member of Congress