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Mr. Mick Mulvaney  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Re: Hurricane Recovery

Dear Director Mulvaney,

Thank you for your continued support as it relates to Hurricane recovery efforts. As you know, Florida took a direct hit from Hurricane Irma as a powerful category 4 storm in the Florida Keys and then again in Southwest Florida. The support of our federal partners was critical in Florida's preparations and now recovery. The most recent funding dedicated to FEMA last week was vital to continue meeting the needs of Florida families, and here in Florida we hope that any additional funds required to continue aiding these recovery efforts will be included in subsequent appropriations.

Enclosed are several issue briefs outlining the upcoming issues that are important to Florida's short-term and long-term recovery from Hurricane Irma. As you know from your meetings with Governor Scott, the Florida citrus and agriculture industries were devastated by the storm, and Governor Scott is committed to ensuring that Florida's citrus and agricultural industries are included in any upcoming federal funding. Additionally, as Congress addresses reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program, there are several issues important to Florida. Finally, thanks to Governor Scott and President Trump's dedication to the environment, we appreciate the funding you announced to accelerate the repair efforts of the Herbert Hoover Dike.

Under Governor Scott's leadership, Florida has been proud to welcome our friends and neighbors from Puerto Rico. To date, we estimate that more than 73,000 people have arrived in Florida from Puerto Rico, and we have made it a priority to support them during this time of need. With Florida's designation as a host state granted by the Trump Administration, we are in the process of compiling the financial impact in Florida to accommodate these individuals, including education and health

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services. As part of this effort, we are proposing a \$12 million English Language Learners Summer Academies program to assist students that need additional support to learn English, including a focus on listening, speaking, reading, and writing. We will continue to provide updated cost information for your future consideration.

Thank you again for the continued support, and please feel free to contact me directly at (850) 567-2173 or [Cynthia.Kelly@laspbs.state.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Kelly@laspbs.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Cynthia Kelly  
State Budget Director