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January 12, 2018

Mr. Ajit Lalchandani  
Orange County Administrator  
Post Office Box 1393  
Orlando, FL 32802

Dear Mr. Lalchandani:

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity appreciates the support your community has extended to evacuees from Puerto Rico who are seeking refuge in your community due to Hurricane Maria. We are working hard to provide resources to help these families find job opportunities, temporary housing and other forms of assistance in our state. In addition, our agency continues to work with communities around the state that were impacted by Hurricane Irma to repair homes and infrastructure, and to support local economies.

To help communities impacted by Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria, we are analyzing statewide data to determine remaining unmet needs in communities after all other resources have been exhausted, such as:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
- State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP).
- State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL).
- Other federal, state and local programs.

While there is quite a bit of data available regarding the impacts from Hurricane Irma and the resources that have been provided to address those impacts, we need to better understand the short and long-term impacts of Hurricane Maria and the resource gap that may exist in communities. As the local agency closest to the issues at hand, we need your help in this effort. Please send information on any needs for which there are no current resources available and any data that you may have to support this request. Also, since local communities hold critical data that may assist with coordinating a joint local-federal response, please provide any information on steps you are currently taking to address local housing shortages to prevent duplication of efforts. This information will be included in an unmet needs assessment required by the federal government to receive additional funding for long-term recovery.

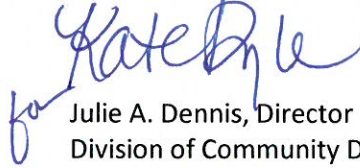
We are requesting that this information be sent to Heather Martin, Chief of Community Disaster Recovery, at [Heather.Martin@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:Heather.Martin@deo.myflorida.com) by January 31, 2018. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Heather at (850) 717-8519.

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We look forward to continuing our partnership to ensure the successful recovery of communities around our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Dennis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small "for" written to the left of the main name.

Julie A. Dennis, Director

Division of Community Development

cc.: The Honorable Teresa Jacobs, Mayor, Orange County  
Mr. Trey Price, Executive Director, Florida Housing Finance Corporation