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Secretary Julián Castro
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street SW
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Dear Secretary Castro,

We are writing to respectfully request that the Interim Mortgage Assistance (IMA) program be extended past 20 months for victims of superstorm Sandy. As you know, the New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery requested an IMA extension from your office in August. We appreciate the time you have taken thus far to review the request, and we urge you to grant the extension as soon as possible. This will provide tremendous relief for the many storm victims who are still displaced and struggling financially.

In the three years since Sandy, our constituents have worked hard to recover from the storm, and many are still displaced. We must recognize the fact that the recovery process is taking more than 20 months in many cases, and without an IMA extension, Sandy survivors who are still fighting to return home would be thrown even deeper into debt after what has already been an extremely expensive rebuilding process. That is why we urge you to approve an IMA extension until every resident has recovered and returned home.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Rice
Member of Congress

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