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U.S. Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear House Speaker Boehner, Senate Majority Leader Reid, Senate Republican Leader McConnell, and House Democratic Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the Disaster Recovery Contractors Association's membership, we respectfully request that Congress acts quickly to ensure passage of the Senate Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Assistance bill before the 112th Congress adjourns.

We commend the Senate for approving an amended version of H.R. 1 on December 28<sup>th</sup> and are hopeful the House will take it up and pass the Supplemental for Disaster Assistance urgently before Congress adjourns.

This legislation will provide critical assistance to millions of Americans as well as state and local communities along the East Coast who were impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Hurricane Sandy caused widespread damage across the entire Eastern seaboard making it the worst storm to hit the Northeast in history. In addition to the thousands of homes which were damaged or destroyed by the storm, the region's critical infrastructure was severely compromised.

Our members appreciate the hard work and dedication involved in developing this legislation. We believe there are meaningful Stafford Act reform provisions in this bill which will strengthen America's emergency management system.

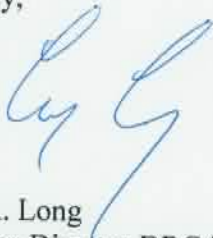
In particular, DRCA's membership supports the Arbitration Panel provision which would provide applicants with the opportunity to seek dispute resolution by an independent panel. DRCA's membership also supports provisions in this bill which authorize reforms to the Stafford Act intended to streamline FEMA's Public Assistance Program and expedite recovery efforts.

In closing, we salute your efforts to provide assistance to those in need in response to Hurricane Sandy and to reform the Stafford Act to improve America's ability to prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate against future disasters at the Federal, state and local levels of government.

DRCA has a wealth of public and private sector experience and our membership contains some of the top emergency management experts in the country. We stand ready to assist you with emergency management related policies and pending legislation going forward.

Thank you for your consideration on this pressing issue. If you have any questions regarding DRCA's policy positions, please contact Casey Long, Managing Director via email at [clong@thedrca.org](mailto:clong@thedrca.org) or at (202) 441-0493.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CL', is written over the printed name and title of Casey A. Long.

Casey A. Long  
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