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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

July 16, 2002

The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
Executive Office of the President  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Daniels:

I request your consideration of the statutory language described below and urge the administration to support its inclusion in the final version of the FY 2002 Supplemental Appropriations bill.

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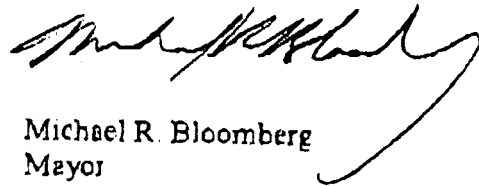
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Thank you for your commitment to rebuilding New York City and for your consideration of this request. A similar letter has been sent to FEMA Director Joseph Allbaugh.

Sincerely,

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Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

Attachment

Cc: The Honorable Robert Byrd  
The Honorable Bill Young  
The Honorable Ted Stevens  
The Honorable David Obey  
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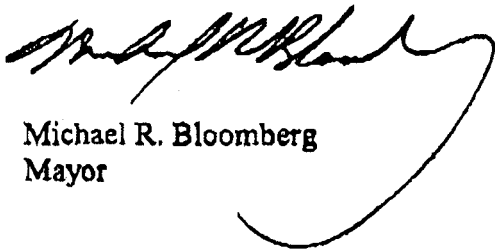
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