

United States Senate

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The Honorable W. Craig Fugate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 C Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Administrator Fugate,

We write today to encourage you to call upon the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) as your agency works to address the needs of the country from the Mid-West tornados and the Mississippi River floods. The DRA has an established presence in these communities, with eight states in its jurisdiction including Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee.

As the region recovers from this disaster, there will be a number of aid programs from different Federal agencies for individuals, businesses, communities, and states; however, there are gaps that must be filled to ensure a smooth and full recovery. The DRA can assist with public outreach, meeting facilitation, or as a resource for reliable and up-to-date information. The DRA continues to communicate with numerous stakeholders on a daily basis and it will serve as a vital tool in these recovery efforts.

For over 10 years the Delta Regional Authority, headquartered in the heart of the region in Clarksdale, MS, has leveraged its limited resources to improve basic public infrastructure, transportation, and quality of life throughout the Delta region. The DRA will work to ensure that the people who live and work in this region participate in the clean-up and recovery from this disaster and that our re-investment in the region leads to both short-and long-term economic recovery and growth. We know the DRA, lead by Federal Co-Chairman Chris Masingill, will work hard to ensure these goals are met.

Thank you for your consideration.

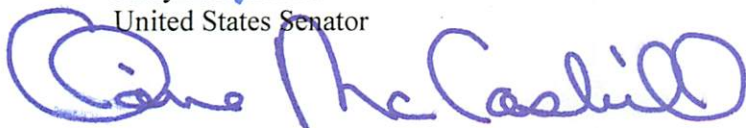
Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator



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United States Senator



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CC: Honorable Janet Napolitano