

**BOBBY JINDAL**  
Governor



**State of Louisiana**  
**Office of the Governor**

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**AND BY U.S. MAIL**

Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Through:  
William E. Peterson, Regional Director  
FEMA Region VI  
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Reference: Request for Cost-share Adjustment for FEMA-3289-EM, FEMA-1786-DR  
(Hurricane Gustav)

Dear Mr. President,

By letter dated November 24, 2008, you determined that the damage to the State of Louisiana resulting from Hurricane Gustav was of sufficient severity and magnitude that special cost-sharing arrangements were warranted and authorized Federal funds for all categories of Public Assistance at 90 percent of the total eligible costs. This authorization was in response to my letter of November 6, 2008, which, among other things, asked for recognition of the programmatic authority to approve a federal cost share of 90% for the effects of Hurricane Gustav. Your response did not obviously make a distinction between the two declarations for Hurricane Gustav, being FEMA-1786-DR and FEMA-3289-EM. The purpose of this letter is to seek clarification that your intent was to authorize the 90% cost share for all effects of Hurricane Gustav.

The damage caused by Hurricane Gustav resulted in all 64 Parishes of the State being declared eligible for the Public Assistance Program. Our current estimate for the total damages qualifying for the Public Assistance Program exceeds \$1 billion. It is critical to the State that the cost share authorization applies to all aspects of Hurricane Gustav. The specific and limited purpose of this letter is to seek clarification that the cost share authorization in your letter of November 24, 2008, applies to both FEMA-1786-DR and FEMA-3289-EM.

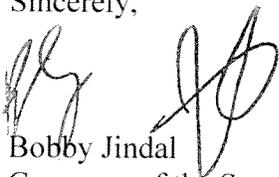
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Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bobby Jindal', written in a cursive style.

Bobby Jindal

Governor of the State of Louisiana