

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 22, 2013

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

Dear Administrator Fugate:

First of all, we would like to thank Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the hard work it has done across the country and in Maryland in preparation for and in response to Hurricane Sandy. We would also like to thank you for offering Public Assistance to the Maryland counties of Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, and Washington in the 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district.

It is our understanding, however, that FEMA denied Governor O'Malley's request that Individual Assistance for Garrett County be added to major disaster declaration FEMA-4091-DR for the State of Maryland. We are writing to urge you to reconsider this decision.

Garrett County suffered greatly during Hurricane Sandy. Almost the entire county lost power for six days, and the heavy winds resulted in 95 percent of roadways being blocked by fallen trees and power lines. A total of 23 homes were affected by the Storm, including one which was destroyed, one which suffered major damage, and 14 which received minor damage.

The damage to homes and businesses during the storm is magnified when considering the degree to which Garrett County's economy is linked to tourism. It is estimated that Hurricane Sandy cost Garrett County \$600,000 in lost sales tax from disruption of tourism, in addition to the structural damage.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you reconsider Governor O'Malley's request for Individual Assistance for Garrett County.

Sincerely,



John K. Delaney  
Member of Congress



Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator



Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator