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Dear Dr. Bennett:

Thank you for your letter of December 18, 2008, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conveying the National Advisory Council's (NAC) input regarding six Public Assistance (PA) policy issues and four Individual Assistance (IA) policy issues, which the NAC recommends be considered as FEMA policies are developed.

Specifically, the NAC provided input and recommendations regarding the following PA and IA policy issues:

1. Force Account (Regular Time) Reimbursement for Permanent Employees
2. Consistent Individual Assistance Recertification Policy for Direct Housing and Financial Assistance
3. Temporary Facilities
4. Consolidation of Facilities at Actual Cost
5. Consolidation of Contents of Eligible Public Facilities
6. 406 Hazard Mitigation
7. Sharing Federal commodities with States Prior to Declaration
8. Critical Needs Assistance for Displaced Individuals and Households
9. Transitional Sheltering Assistance for Displaced Individuals and Households
10. Payment of the Cost of Utilities

We consider the NAC's input to be critical to our success. As such, PA and IA program areas have reviewed the input the NAC's Stafford Act Sub-committee provided and are actively considering the recommendations provided as they work to develop and revise policies in conjunction with the aforementioned policy issues.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Garratt".

David Garratt
Acting Deputy Administrator