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North Carolina General Assembly
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Majority Leader Bell,

Despite the General Assembly's efforts in providing an additional \$60 million for disaster recovery efforts in this year's budget, bringing the total to over \$360 million, the Governor's unwillingness to facilitate the necessary assistance continues to do irreparable harm to those most affected.

Recently, Governor Cooper had the audacity to promise that he would do all that he can to ensure folks recover from flooding from Hurricane Matthew. Yet, just two days later, it was reported that the state has missed yet another self-imposed deadline to receive federal grants. Over \$400 million in has been awarded to North Carolina for disaster recovery, however, this administration refuses to answer why that money has not been disbursed. Earlier this year, it was widely reported that North Carolina had spent \$0 of the \$200 million grant to rebuild homes, and for months, Cooper and his affiliates offered no explanation as to why.

In light of this information and on behalf of my constituents and those still reeling from the impact of Hurricane Matthew, I would like to respectfully request that the House Select Committee on Disaster Relief reconvene so that we may review and discuss the appropriate measures moving forward. North Carolina stands to lose millions of federal dollars because of the Governor's tepid response. We must continue to do everything in our power to hold this administration accountable.

Thank you for your consideration and continued leadership on this imperative issue.

Sincerely,

Representative Brenden Jones

