

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 9, 2018

The Honorable Brock Long
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Long:

We write to request that the National Flood Insurance Program extend the deadline to submit proof of loss for claims resulting from Hurricane Harvey by an additional six months.

As you know, Texas is nearing the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey and many Houstonians are still working to rebuild and repair their homes. We appreciate that FEMA extended the normal Standard Flood Insurance Policy deadline to submit a proof of loss from 60 days of a flood loss to one year, as well as the steps taken in the aftermath of the storm to help expedite the claims process.

However, as we near the one-year deadline not all claims have been settled, and a six-month extension is vital. This would not be without precedent. After Superstorm Sandy, the proof of loss deadline was further extended to grant individuals two years to file the proper documents. More recently, after the August 2016 floods in Louisiana, additional extensions were granted for as long as 18 months after the storm. A six-month extension would grant Houstonians a similar timeframe to the other communities that have been devastated by natural disasters in recent years.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request to extend the proof of loss deadline to ensure those impacted by Hurricane Harvey have the necessary time to finalize their claims.

Sincerely,



John Culberson
Member of Congress



Gene Green
Member of Congress