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Re: Open Letter from Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards
Support for the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Alliance

After catastrophic flooding hit our state this year, philanthropic donors have come together with state and federal government partners to form a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership promoting resiliency, recovery and sustainable solutions for the future.

The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Alliance (LDRA) is a consortium that brings its partners together to leverage their collective resources, both financial and intellectual, to achieve the greatest possible recovery outcomes.

Many of Louisiana's philanthropic organizations led the innovative work which helped to rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. They have since been called upon to support recovery in other parts of the United States, including New Jersey and New York following Superstorm Sandy. Now their unique expertise in disaster grant-making is needed right here at home following the 2016 floods.

The Alliance plans to promote resiliency, to share knowledge within the network and beyond, and to find and use best practices. It will convene the greatest available expertise to meet the needs of those whose lives and homes have been so cruelly affected by disaster.

I fully endorse this effort, and I appeal to national philanthropic organizations to join this effort. Resource scarcity is the greatest challenge we currently face. Please consider a generous contribution to the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Alliance's *Resilience Fund* with the secure knowledge that your gift will be put to the best possible use. For more information, or to donate, please visit www.louisianarecoveryalliance.org

Donations to the LDRA's *Resilience Fund* will be used to respond to critical recovery needs and to produce a set of innovative, locally-specific solutions that will build healthy, strong and sustainable communities. Working together, the members of the Alliance have the ability make a real difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor