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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Mr. President:

Thank you for your continued commitment to address the humanitarian crisis in Puerto Rico. As the United States continues relief efforts, I ask that you please consider US flagged offshore supply vessels in Louisiana whose owners have informed me that they are ready and available to provide all necessary support to the people of Puerto Rico.

The ships are docked in Louisiana, are fully self-sufficient, can include meals, have sleeping capacity and laundry service for accommodated persons and can be in Puerto Rico in a few days. They can and are willing to do whatever is needed to help in this crisis. We know from previous experience that disasters such as this require an "all hands on deck" approach. Louisianans have witnessed the generosity of others and are prepared to do the same for the people of Puerto Rico.

You can reach me at my office at (202) 224-5824. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to provide the necessary relief to Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,



Bill Cassidy, M.D.
United States Senator