

Subj: **Louisiana Recovery Aid**  
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Mr. Patrick Forbes  
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Re: "\$1.5B in Louisiana recovery aid remains unspent," NOLA.com | The Times Picayune  
[http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/01/15b\\_in\\_louisiana\\_storm\\_recover.html](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/01/15b_in_louisiana_storm_recover.html)

Dear Mr. Forbes,

We were pleased to learn that funds are still available for Hurricane recovery aid.

Our Katrina losses, for which we were eligible but never compensated, occurred because the Road Home Program lost our records, and we were never contacted or informed of our eligibility when new rules were later established.

By the time we realized what had happened, we had missed a deadline to apply. We were informed that we could apply for an exemption to that deadline, but the Office of Community Development would not honor our request.

We sued over the negligence of the Road Home Program, but the Court ruled that the defendants, acting on behalf of the state, had immunity for their actions, even if they were negligent or in error. Our uncontested loss was more than \$89,000. For us, it was a second, devastating Louisiana experience. We are currently living in the same small Shreveport apartment that we eventually found after evacuating New Orleans, where we had lived for 30 years prior to the storm.

Under separate cover, we are sending a CD of the pleadings and exhibits in our suit. We are still interested in applying for that exemption to the deadline we missed as it appears that recovery aid is still available to those with legitimate losses. We shall furnish hard copies or details to clarify any issue presented in our pleadings to the Court that you might need.

Sincerely,

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