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William P. Shea, Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security  
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
25 Sigourney Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Dear Deputy Commissioner Shea:

After a thorough review of your report regarding the implementation of the latest round of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds available in connection with the two most recent Presidential Major Disasters experienced in Connecticut, I am directing you to reconvene the Connecticut Interagency Hazard Mitigation Committee in light of the concerns that have been raised by homeowners and Chief Elected Officials.

I understand that, in accordance with FEMA requirements, you convened the Committee to review and prioritize the four categories of mitigation project applications, totaling over \$81 million, for the \$16.6 million in available funding. I appreciate the professionalism and dedication the members of the Committee demonstrated during the review process and further appreciate their willingness to review their most recent decisions.

I further direct you to continue to work with Department of Housing Commissioner Evonne Klein and municipal leaders to reconsider homeowner applications immediately to address the needs of any individuals who have been unable to re-occupy their homes in the wake of Super Storm Sandy because of a lack of mitigation funds as well as to provide them assistance regarding other sources of funding.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dannel P. Malloy".

Governor Dannel P. Malloy

Cc: Commissioner Evonne Klein