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To : All Members of Lake Wallkill Community

We received an encouraging letter from the town of Vernon this week advising that the appeal on behalf of all lake communities (including Lake Wallkill) has been supported by the NJ Office of Emergency Management and forwarded to FEMA for their consideration and approval.

Vic Marotta, Vernon Mayor has been relentless in his pursuit of resolution of this appeal. There are pages and pages of legal justification and opinions that were required to get NJ to support the appeal. A number of people have been supporting the data requirements for the lake and our FEMA Project Worksheets total ~\$180,000.

The appeal is now with FEMA. The Mayor has asked for our support to contact our Congressman and Senators and ask them to contact FEMA and support our appeal (FEMA-4021-DR-NJ). We will send a blast with this information but please take the opportunity to e-mail the following politicians: (*sample message provided*)

How to e-mail these politicians:

Enter their name in your web browser

Proceed to their government page

Click on "Contact", select "E Mail"

Fill out the E Mail form (for best impact, use your lake address information)

You can cut and past the message below or write your own

5th Congressional District (Represents the area including Lake Wallkill)

Congressman Scott Garrett

Senator Cory Booker

Senator Robert Menendez

See next page for example...

Dear _____,

I am writing to you today to call your attention to an important matter affecting the residents in Vernon Township. Since the devastating effects of Hurricane Irene the Vernon Mayor has been working with representatives in the NJ Office of Emergency Management and FEMA for reimbursement for damage sustained as a result of the storm. While certain FEMA Projects were originally denied, clarification has been provided outlining Vernon Township's responsibilities under the NJ Municipal Service Act to reimburse Lake Communities for covered work performed to repair damage from the storm. The Office of NJ OEM has communicated their support for the appeal to FEMA and I respectfully request you contact FEMA and communicate your support for FEMA-4021-DR-NJ. I appreciate your attention to this important issue.