

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Five weeks ago, you received a letter requesting a copy of the federal government's disaster recovery plan to respond to a major earthquake in California.

Although the White House responded by stating that the letter had been shared "with the appropriate Administration officials and agencies responsible for formulating policy recommendations in this area," the plan has not yet been provided.

We are writing to again request the emergency plan.

The slow response to this request to obtain a copy of the plan – so that we can share it with California's emergency response organizations for their comment – makes us wonder if a plan exists and if FEMA is prepared.

Based on FEMA's slow response in providing relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina, we want to make sure that a similar tragedy does not happen again if a major earthquake occurs in California.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. We are sure that you know the importance of providing us with this plan, given what has occurred in the Gulf States.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Boxer  
United States Senator

  
Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator