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The President  
The White House  
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Dear Mr. President:

The Katrina disaster and its aftermath have been shocking. I am extremely upset about the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) appallingly slow response to assist the people devastated by the hurricane and flooding, and I want to ensure it does not happen again.

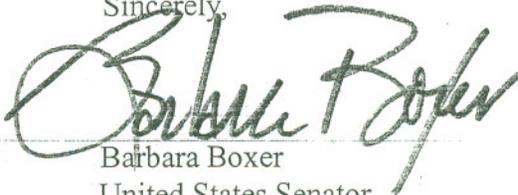
In California, the potential for earthquakes is very great. And, unlike hurricanes, there is no advance warning of when an earthquake might strike.

Having witnessed what happened in the Gulf States, I am extremely concerned that FEMA is not prepared should California experience a major earthquake. I am asking you to please forward to me the FEMA disaster recovery plan that is in place to respond to a serious earthquake in my state.

I write to you because I know that you would want to see such a plan yourself, given what has occurred in the Gulf States.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Upon receipt of this plan, I will send it off to California's emergency response organizations for comment.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator