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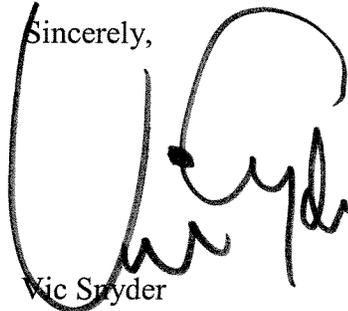
September 12, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

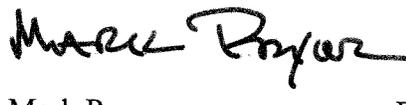
Dear Mr. President:

The State of Arkansas has received an estimated 75,000 evacuees displaced by the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. On September 7, 2005, the State of Arkansas applied for a \$30 million dollar National Emergency Grant (NEG) in order to assist 15,000 of the dislocated workers from the Gulf South Region who are currently in Arkansas. Arkansas needs this funding in order to continue to help and adequately provide assistance to the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. It is our understanding that the Department of Labor funds for NEG have been depleted. It is our hope that you will include a request for increased appropriations for the NEG fund in the next Supplemental Appropriations bill, so that Arkansas can meet the necessary needs of the evacuees from Mississippi and New Orleans. We look forward to working with you to continue to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Sincerely,



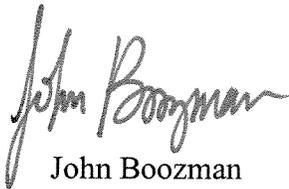
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