

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

The Honorable Gayle E. Smith
Administrator
U.S. Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Kerry and Administrator Smith:

We write to express our concern for the people of Haiti, who are still struggling to recover from Hurricane Matthew. At this difficult time, continued support for the Haitian people is critical.

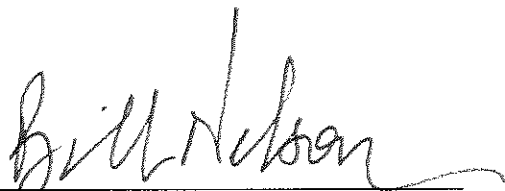
We are grateful for your efforts in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Matthew to provide shelter, food, water, and other supplies to all those affected. The storm's impact on Haiti was devastating, killing 1,000, leveling homes, and destroying existing crops and much of the usable agricultural land. The need for food and shelter remains urgent.

The widespread flooding and destruction of water systems caused by Hurricane Matthew also worsened Haiti's persistent cholera epidemic. In the month following the storm, there were nearly 6,000 new cases of cholera, according to reports of the World Health Organization. Eradicating cholera from Haiti will require sustained assistance and a focus on improving Haiti's limited water and sanitation infrastructure.

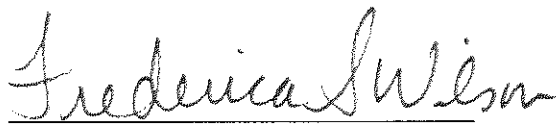
We urge you to continue prioritizing necessary assistance to the Haitian people. To that end, we also request detailed information about your continued plans to address lack of shelter and food insecurity, and combat the spread of cholera going forward.

The Haitian people are no strangers to difficulty, and even now, they have high hopes that their new government can help make lasting improvements in their lives. We stand ready to work with you and reaffirm our commitment to the Haitian people, their well-being, and their aspirations.

Sincerely,



Bill Nelson
United States Senator



Frederica S. Wilson
Member of Congress