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Governor Ricardo Rosselló
La Fortaleza
P.O. Box 9020082
San Juan, Puerto Rico
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Dear Governor Rosselló:

The people of Illinois have a strong association with your Territory and we are all deeply concerned about your safety and welfare in the wake of the devastating effects of Hurricane Maria. As you know, that concern has manifest itself in an outpouring of aid from our state.

Illinoisans – volunteers and specialists – are on the ground with you today supplying communications, logistics, life support and other critical services.

That said, I want you to know that we are at the ready to provide more people and services. Nearly 550 Illinois National Guardsmen are on alert for deployment if you determine they are needed and request our help through EMAC. We have been in contact with Federal authorities to offer food and supplies collected here for your citizens and we await clearance to fly them to you at a moment's notice. Our own Emergency Management team has been working closely with Puerto Rican and other humanitarian groups to coordinate our response.

We have all of you in our prayers. We hope that the generosity of people here in Illinois and across the US will help sustain you as you embark on the difficult road to recovery. As you do so, please know that the men and women of Illinois government are mobilized to channel resources to support your efforts.

Please be safe and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rauner".

Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois