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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
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Washington, D.C. 20528-0192

The Honorable Cameron Hamilton
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Noem and Acting Administrator Hamilton,

It is clear that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been neglecting its core mission to serve the American people. From discriminating against individuals based on political views to promoting woke agendas like DEI, the agency has repeatedly failed to fulfill its most basic duties. Just this week, rogue FEMA employees sent $59 million to house illegal aliens in luxury hotels in New York City in blatant defiance of President Trump's orders.[1]

In the wake of Hurricane Helene, North Carolina has witnessed first-hand the need for serious FEMA reforms to better address the federal response to future natural disasters. There is no doubt that a complete and total overhaul of FEMA is necessary. Therefore, we applaud the President for the much needed call to re-examine FEMA.[2]

While we are grateful for this administration's leadership, we recognize that Congress also has a duty to conduct oversight and then pass permanent fixes to end FEMA's mismanagement. That is why we write to you today. We hope to gain greater insight into FEMA's activities during the Biden Administration that paved the way for the scandalous distribution of funds that prioritized illegal aliens over the American people.

As such, we request answers to the following questions as soon as possible:

1. What is the current status of the $59 million sent to New York?

[1] https://nypost.com/2025/02/11/us-news/fema-employees-set-to-be-fired-over-egregious-payment-for-nyc-migrants/
[2] https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/council-to-assess-the-federal-emergency-management-agency/

2. Please explain how this $59 million expenditure was allocated for illegal alien housing including the organization responsible for requesting and purchasing the housing.

3. Were any funds from the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) obligated to illegal alien housing in the past 6 months?

4. Please provide a full accounting of funds obligated by FEMA staff for the aiding and abetting of the illegal alien invasion during the Biden Administration or in the current Trump Administration, whether through the Shelter and Services Program, or other accounts.

5. Please provide an action plan detailing how DHS and FEMA will prevent this situation from occurring in the future.

We appreciate your attention to this crucial matter. It is of the utmost importance that federal agencies are not impeding President Trump from his lawful authority to govern and that unelected bureaucrats are not able to redirect taxpayer dollars to the detriment of the American people.

Sincerely,

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