


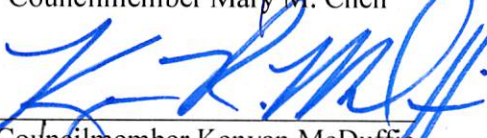
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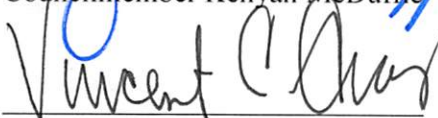
  
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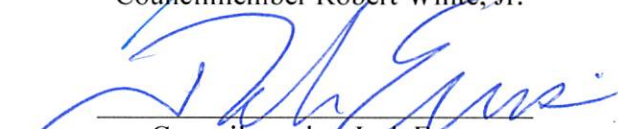
  
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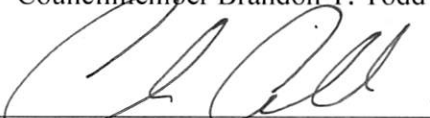
  
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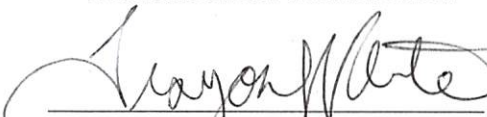
  
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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the sense of the Council in support of calling on Congress to continue aiding Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to ensure the well-being of its residents.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sense of the Council Calling on Congress to Continue Aiding Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands on their Relief and Recovery Efforts Resolution of 2017".

44           Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

45                   (1) Hurricane Maria has decimated two territories of the United States of  
46 America, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

47                   (2) Hurricane Maria was a category 4 when it made landfall on September 20,  
48 2017, which brought severe devastation and major damages to the infrastructure of Puerto Rico  
49 and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

50                   (3) More than 80 percent of residents in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands  
51 remain without power causing it to be the longest blackout in U.S. history. Many residents were  
52 left without drinking water, roads were obliterated, power lines were drowned, water was tainted,  
53 and most cellular towers were rendered inoperative.

54                   (4) This natural disaster has left millions of U.S. Citizens in Puerto Rico and the  
55 U.S. Virgin Islands to deal with this humanitarian crisis with minimal support services.

56                   (5) The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico currently share a similar political  
57 status in seeking the achievement of full statehood rights and privileges that are granted to all the  
58 50 states.

59           Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council to call on the United States Congress to expedite  
60 immediately its relief and recovery efforts to aid our neighbors in Puerto Rico and the U.S.  
61 Virgin Islands during this humanitarian crisis. While Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands,  
62 like the District of Columbia, enjoy neither voting rights in Congress nor the full benefits of  
63 statehood, they are still a vital part of the U.S. and deserve to be treated as such.

64           Sec. 4. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit copies of this resolution, upon its  
65 adoption, to the Mayor, the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the

66 House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and the Delegate from the District  
67 of Columbia in the United States Congress.

68 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.