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October 18, 1972

Mr. Frank Carlucci
President's Representative
Federal Disaster Center
Holy Cross Hall - King's College
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18702

Dear Mr. Carlucci:

At this morning's meeting of the Kingston Borough Council, the attached Resolution was unanimously adopted and I have been instructed to immediately forward it to you.

The residents of our community, as well as other flood affected communities outside of the City of Wilkes-Barre are appalled and furious at the Federal Government's unconscionable capricious and discriminatory policy on the Interim Assistance Program.

As you know, Kingston Borough had all but 20 of its 6,600 structures affected by flooding and was by far the most "totally" affected community in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Yet, our residents are placed in the position, because of your discrimination, that they must pay for repairs to their homes that the residents of South Wilkes-Barre are having done and paid for by the Federal Government.

It is our position that all flood victims should be treated as equals and that since the Federal Government has set the precedent in Wilkes-Barre, they must also do so in the other communities.

Several weeks ago and before the Wilkes-Barre Interim Assistance Program was funded, our County Redevelopment officials met with HUD representatives and were informed that no Interim Assistance money is available.

Three weeks later Wilkes-Barre received approval for a \$5.8 million dollar program!

Council Meets First Monday of Each Month at 7:30 P.M.

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Mr. Frank Carlucci

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I sincerely hope you can understand and appreciate
the very volatile situation which you have created and urge
you to use the influence of your office to correct it.

Very truly yours,

BOROUGH OF KINGSTON

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Borough Administrator

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President, Borough Council

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Interim Assistance Program for Flood Relief has been in operation on the East Side of the Susquehanna River financed by Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that the same type of Interim Assistance be given flood victims in the Borough of Kingston, Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Borough of Kingston that Frank Carlucci, the President's Representative, be urged to release Federal funds so as to make an Interim Assistance Program applicable to the Borough of Kingston.

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the Town Council of the Borough of Kingston, Pennsylvania this 18th day of October, 1972.

BOROUGH OF KINGSTON

BY

Ralph M. Brown
President

ATTEST:

Ralph W. Hall
Secretary

APPROVED this 18th day of October, 1972.

Charles A. Bankes
Mayor

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October 23, 1972

Mr. Frank Carlucci
President's Representative
King's College
Holy Cross Hall
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18703

Dear Mr. Carlucci:

On behalf of the residents of Kingston, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for extending the Interim Assistance Program to include our community.

Since its funding in Wilkes-Barre, we have felt that the IAP program, along with SBA loans, will enable the vast majority of our residents to rehabilitate their homes and will greatly assist in the revitalization of our community.

Again, thank you for your assistance and we look forward to cooperating with you on future programs.

Sincerely,

Ralph M. Brown

Ralph Brown, President
Borough Council

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