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Restore Louisiana Task Force Members:

As you're probably aware, late Wednesday, Dec. 21, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an \$81 billion disaster recovery bill that includes CDBG-DR funding for mitigation activities that reduce the risk from future disasters. In the bill's current version, Louisiana would be eligible for some of this funding for recovery from the 2016 Floods.

Equally important, the current version of the bill includes a proposed change regarding guidance on how SBA loans are considered a duplication of benefits for grant programs. This is something Gov. Edwards, the Office of Community Development and this task force have been advocating since the flood.

This is a link to an [article by The Advocate](#) posted Wednesday night.

The Senate will not hear the legislation until January at the earliest, so changes are certainly possible. Obviously, each of these items would have a huge impact on our recovery. I want to assure the task force that we are monitoring the legislation closely, and we are doing everything we can to prepare for successful passage, knowing that the final version may be very different.

We will provide an update on the legislation and our preparation during our meeting on Jan. 12. If you'd like further details or have questions before then, please let us know.

Happy Holidays, and we look forward to seeing you in January.

Pat Forbes