

United States Senate
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The Honorable Michael F. Easley
Governor
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Dear Governor Easley:

Thank you for your strong leadership in preparing the state for Hurricane Isabel. As you travel in eastern North Carolina to brief state emergency workers and members of the North Carolina National Guard, I want to assure you that I will do everything possible at the federal level to ensure that North Carolina receives the help it will need.

Unfortunately, North Carolinians are accustomed to dealing with hurricanes and their aftermath, but we know that the state will recover if we work together. Please know that I will work with my colleagues to ensure that the Administration quickly approves and provides any assistance you deem necessary.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the people of our state as the storm approaches.

Yours sincerely,



John Edwards

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