



May 8, 2013

The Honorable Chris Christie  
Office of the Governor  
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Dear Governor Christie:

As a follow-up to my letter from April 23, 2013, I want to bring to your attention the severe flooding Hoboken faced today due to a rain storm. Children and commuters were forced to make their way through flood and sewage water covering the entire western side of our City during this morning's commute.

We have an ongoing flooding emergency in Hoboken, and we urgently need the help of the State to address it. North Hudson Sewerage Authority has applied for hazard mitigation grant funding for three additional pumps, and we need your help to get this critical infrastructure project started as soon as physically possible. Hazard mitigation is not just about the next Sandy, it is about protecting our community from all known hazards resulting from predictable weather conditions. Please see the attached photos taken this morning during our rush hour flooding that brought our entire City to a halt.

I was stunned to hear that "there will be no Hazard Mitigation funding for Hoboken" and that the only assistance being provided for critical flood pump infrastructure is a low interest loan. In light of Hoboken's flood emergency, which has once again flooded many residents' homes for a third time in less than a year, I hope this is not a final decision.

Considering that 50,000 people live in our City and that companies like Pearson Education are interested in moving to our City, providing direct grant funding could possibly be the highest cost-benefit project in the State of New Jersey.

Please Governor, we need your help with funding the pumps now so we can get started building them immediately. I have tried to assure Hoboken residents that Hoboken would be treated fairly because you have always treated Hoboken fairly in the past. I will be down to Trenton for a meeting with the DEP tomorrow at 2:00pm and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak with you for a few minutes.

Best regards,



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