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March 9, 2018

Jack Hanagriff
City of Houston
Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Subject: Freight Resilience-Grocery Distribution

Dear Jack;

The Houston Food Bank performs a significant role for Houston in the event of a disaster. Following Hurricane Harvey, the Houston Food Bank provided almost fifty-two million pounds of disaster relief and recovery supplies through a network of almost 600 area organizations, including many distributions requested by the City of Houston. We are proud to perform this role of service to Houston and the surrounding areas.

Unfortunately, due to very poor drainage in the neighborhood, the Houston Food Bank was prevented from being able to resupply food to the shelters and refuge efforts for several days after landfall of Hurricane Harvey. We had the supplies, personnel at the food bank and the vehicles ready to assist but the Houston Food Bank itself was cut off, both for our own vehicles and the City of Houston's.

This will be a recurring problem that could result in serious consequences unless the drainage problem in our neighborhood is addressed.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Greene
President & CEO

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