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President Donald J. Trump  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Waive Jones Act for Puerto Rico recovery

Dear President Trump:

The Jones Act Waiver signed on September 8<sup>th</sup> has been very helpful to my state of Florida and other states who experienced severe disruptions of the oil supply system resulting from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Now, Puerto Rico is in desperate need of the same relief regarding disruptions to the oil supply system and virtually every other supply system. I write to strongly urge you to apply equal treatment for our family, friends and small businesses on the island – all of them American citizens - and approve a new waiver of the Jones Act to help Puerto Rico. The aftermath of Hurricane Maria is a true humanitarian crisis. Puerto Rico has been devastated and is attempting to recover without any of the necessities - food, clean water and electricity. We must use every tool at our disposal, including waiving the Jones Act, to facilitate this recovery.

At a time where we are seeing an increase in the number and ferocity of extreme weather events, our focus should be to address the loss as quickly as possible. Puerto Rico faces a humanitarian crisis as the island's 3.4 million people struggle to survive without sources of food, power or clean water and I hope you will act immediately in this time of need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor  
U.S. Representative  
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