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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

April 27, 2020

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to approve, without further delay, the request submitted by the Navajo Nation nearly a month ago to eliminate the Federal Emergency Management Agency non-federal cost share under the current nationwide emergency declaration and major disaster declaration for the state of Arizona to help the Nation fight this pandemic. This is a matter of life and death and time is of the essence.

Since the Navajo government submitted its request to you 26 days ago, there has been a more than 700 percent increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases on the Nation, and a more than 800 percent increase in deaths. The Navajo Nation has become one of the hardest hit areas of the country with the third-highest infection rates in the country and a rate that is nearly 10 times that of the state of Arizona.

For far too long, the federal government has failed to meet its trust obligations to tribal communities and that must change. Especially in this time of extraordinary need, the federal government has a duty to leverage the full weight of its resources to allow the Navajo Nation to direct more of its limited resources to combat the virus and other response efforts. Failure to do so will continue to have dire consequences for tribal members across the Navajo Nation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this issue of great importance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Stanton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Stanton  
Member of Congress

Cc: The Honorable Pete T. Gaynor, FEMA Administrator