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June 26, 2025

Mr. Robert F. Mujica, Jr.
Executive Director
Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico

RE: REQUEST ACCESS TO THE RESERVE FOR DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT FUND

Dear Mr. Mujica, Jr

On May 1, 2025, the Governor of Puerto Rico, Hon. Jenniffer González Colón, issued Executive Order 2025-022 declaring a state of emergency in the municipalities significantly affected by severe flooding caused by torrential rains that occurred between April and May 2025 (the "Event").

As part of the immediate response to the damages reported to critical infrastructure, public roads, residences, and essential services in the affected municipalities, the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico ("Oversight Board") authorized the disbursement of a total of \$2.3 million from the Emergency Reserve to 23 municipalities impacted by the Event.

In a letter dated June 9, 2025, the Secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Public Safety ("DSP," per its Spanish acronym), General Arturo J. Garffer, submitted to the Governor the *Report on Damages and Response to Recent Rain Events in Puerto Rico*, estimating total damages at \$34.1 million. This estimate is based on inspections conducted in the affected municipalities. The identified losses include collapsed roads and bridges, flooding in vulnerable communities, ruptures in underground pipelines, and landslides, among others. A detailed breakdown of the \$34 million in damages by municipality is provided in **Exhibit I**.

Accordingly, the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") respectfully requests approval for the disbursement of \$34,135,076.93 from the Reserve for Disaster Recovery Projects funds ("Reserve") to cover the costs related to the damages caused by the Event. It is worth noting that this Reserve has previously been used to address emergency situations, including the response to Hurricane Irma. The Reserve currently has a projected balance of \$250 million under account 253-0170000-081-2024, which remains under the custody of the OMB.

The disbursement of funds will follow the procedures established in Special Memorandum No. 007-2024, titled *Procedure for the Approval of Emergency Reserve Fund Use due to Tropical Storm Ernesto* and will be subject to the applicable fiscal control measures, including the requirement to submit supporting documentation and the return of any unused funds.

We appreciate your attention and consideration of this request, which seeks to ensure an effective and timely response to this emergency. The OMB remains available for any clarification or additional information required during the evaluation process.

Sincerely,

Orlando Rivera Berríos

Director

Office of Management and Budget

CC: Hon. Jenniffer González Colón

General J. Garffer

Enclosure: Exhibit I

EXHIBITI

Municipios	Estimado de daños	Estimados de daños
	solicitados por Municipios	validados por NMEAD
Adjuntas	\$ 6,211,100.00	\$ 4,350,000.00
Aguas Buenas	437,636.00	337,748.00
Añasco	353,894.59	342,000.00
Barranquitas	992,157.68	1,161,000.00
Cabo Rojo	1,904,637.57	1,900,000.00
Caguas	1,676,534.44	920,000.00
Camuy	1,290,317.31	925,000.00
Carolina	174,547.81	174,547.81
Cayey	421,250.26	93,000.00
Ciales	231,332.35	231,332.35
Cidra	4,981,418.77	570,000.00
Comerio	1,676,534.36	700,000.00
Corozal	5,199,439.60	2,300,000.00
Guaynabo	2,500,000.00	1,662,410.95
Hormigueros	101,612.24	101,612.24
Isabela	179,371.25	179,371.25
Lares	1,165,050.00	350,000.00
Las Piedras	1,055,000.00	455,000.00
Maricao	1,079,000.00	1,079,000.00
Morovis	3,458,490.00	3,458,490.00
Naranjito	11,500,300.00	1,330,000.00
Orocovis	3,628,516.30	1,783,843.00
Sabana Grande	1,440,000.00	1,440,000.00
San Germán	2,666.33	2,666.33
San Juan	1,235,000.00	1,235,000.00
Utuado	1,340,000.00	1,195,000.00
Vega Alta	6,427,000.00	4,744,000.00
Vega Baja	614,055.00	614,055.00
Yauco	758,110.00	500,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 62,034,971.86	\$ 34,135,076.93