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Dear Dr. Dillard:

Puerto Rico Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTOP) appreciates the work that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is conducting to better understand the impacts of Hurricane María and to recommend improvements in building codes, standards, and practices that will strengthen our infrastructure and make Puerto Rico more resilient.

I support your efforts to interview DTOP staff and other officials as part of your gathering of data to ensure that NIST's report is both accurate and constructive. Thank you for carrying out this work.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Vélez Vega, PE  
Secretary