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To whom it may concern

On September 19th, 2022 category 2 Hurricane Fiona hit the Island of Puerto Rico, a colony of the United States. This awful tragedy has left millions of persons on the island devastated with major immediate and long term needs to assist those struggling with their homes and to begin the restructuring that is awfully needed. The island is without power and without running water. All of this occurring right at the mark of the 5th year anniversary of the devastating Hurricane Maria which took the dear lives of thousands on the island (*more than 4,645 lives according to the Harvard University study documented in 2018*).

El Fondo Boricua is a donor advised fund since 2005 through the St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation has been raising funds for emergency relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria and will continue to do so in these hard times following Hurricane Fiona. Through the administration of these funds by the St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation, we can rest assure will go to legitimate vetted non-profits that help in emergency relief, medical missions, supplies, social services and health fields. A list of those organizations and projects can be found at our website elfondoboricua.org.

This letter is to request your assistance to help build the Fund by endorsing this effort and send our request to corporate and business leaders. Through the efforts of the Puerto Ricans in Minnesota Committee (PRIMN), Minnesota State Senator Melisa López Franzen (DFL District 49), Coalition Boricua of Minnesota, Univision Minnesota and others of our local Puerto Rican and LatinX community, we can help support the victims of this catastrophe and continue to work with 501c3 non-profit organizations on the island and in partnership to rebuild Puerto Rico for the Puerto Rican people.

Corporations or Persons can support the El Fondo Boricua Emergency Relief by visiting <https://elfondoboricua.org/donate-today> or can make checks payable to: El Fondo Boricua of The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation.

In the memo include to write: Fund B032. Deivered to 101 5th Street East Suite #2400 Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101
Any questions to the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation can be directed to: philanthropy@spmcf.org

It is efforts like yours through your contributions that can help build and give support during this devastating time and in the future.

Respectfully,

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