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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about the response to hurricane damage in Puerto Rico. We have seen a devastating series of major storms causing catastrophic damage in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. There is a perception that Puerto Rico is not getting the level of support that was seen for the other two. It was clear from weather models that Puerto Rico was going to be seriously affected even before the event and the extent of damage was clear immediately afterwards. The federal response should have been proportionate (large) and immediate. Instead there has been a slow trickle of moves, apparently in proportion to the media coverage rather than the needed aid. This makes you appear racist and attuned more to ratings than the plight of Americans.

Please assure me that you will take disaster relief seriously.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our effective federal government.

Sincerely, Eric Babson