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FY 2018 Disaster Supplemental Request #3

Witness: Administrator Brock Long

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Opening Statement As Prepared

Today's hearing is called to order—

This morning we welcome the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Brock Long, to discuss the response and recovery to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, as well as the wildfires that spread across California. Administrator, thank you for joining us.

The magnitude of disaster activity that we've experienced this year is unprecedented. I want to thank you and the thousands of dedicated FEMA personnel who have deployed—and who continue to work tirelessly to help communities and families get back on their feet in the wake of these devastating events.

Congress has already passed two emergency supplementals, which have provided an additional \$26.1 billion to ensure FEMA's ability to respond in the immediate aftermath of these disasters. Now it is time to shift the focus from response to recovery—and while some of these efforts are already underway, there is still a very long road ahead. Today, we look forward to hearing from you on how this third supplemental request for \$23.5 billion will enable communities to start down a path to long-term recovery.

Administrator Long, before I turn to you for your opening statement, I'd like to recognize the distinguished Ranking Member for any remarks she wishes to make.

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