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To: All IUOE Locals

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

The catastrophic destruction wreaked by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and the southern United States has impacted millions of Americans, including thousands of our fellow Operating Engineers and their families. The stories and images coming out of the area can't adequately relay the devastation inflicted upon so many over such a large area. The loss suffered, both emotionally and financially, will be felt for years to come.

As has been true throughout our proud history, Operating Engineers directly affected by these types of events have also been among the first responders in times of crisis. Right now, thousands of our members are using their training and skills to work around the clock in the recovery efforts, even though they have suffered similar fates to those they are assisting.

Likewise, the international office began fielding calls and e-mails immediately after the storm from locals throughout the U.S. and Canada asking how they can lend support. I am asking our locals, as well as any interested individuals, to make their contributions for Hurricane Harvey relief directly to the Charity Fund.

Checks should be made out to the ***Operating Engineers National Charity Fund*** and sent to:

Chief Financial Officer
International Union of Operating Engineers
1125 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036

I appreciate all the calls and messages of support we have received in the aftermath of this disaster. And, I thank you in advance for your generosity towards our fellow Operating Engineers in need. We truly are ***one union***.

In Unity,

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