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The Honorable Dave Camp  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means  
United States House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sander Levin  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Ways and Means  
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Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

The Distribution Contractors Association (DCA) represents contractors, suppliers and manufacturers who provide distribution construction services including installation, replacement and rehabilitation of gas pipelines as well as fiber optic, cable and duct systems in communities across the country. DCA commends the committee in its efforts to provide relief to states recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy, and we strongly urge you to support and pass the Hurricane Sandy Tax Relief Act of 2012 and in particular the increase in private activity bond allocation for gas distribution, water and wastewater facilities in Sandy-affected areas.

This important bipartisan hurricane recovery legislation and especially the Hurricane Sandy Bonds provision will bring much needed relief to families, businesses and municipalities in the hurricane-devastated region. Hurricane Sandy Bonds will enable the private sector to take part in the relief effort by increasing the private activity bond allocation in the Sandy-affected areas.

In addition, we encourage the inclusion of a provision to exempt Hurricane Sandy Bonds from the AMT to attract additional private investment and to minimize the impact on rate-payers.

Thank you for your continued support of private capital investment in gas distribution, water and wastewater infrastructure. Please support and pass the bipartisan Hurricane Sandy Tax Relief Act of 2012, which will complement the federal government's relief and significantly enhance recovery efforts to victims of the historic storm.

Best Regards,

Rob Darden  
Executive Vice President