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The Honorable George E. Pataki Governor State of New York State Capitol Albany, NY 12224.

Dear Governor Pataki:

Yesterday I released a survey of the economic impact the blackout in Queens have had on local businesses. The findings of this survey make it very clear that the economic impact on many of these businesses is far greater than the aid that is being offered by Consolidated Edison Company of New York.

Because the impact of this blackout is so great, I once again urge you to declare Queens a disaster area and ask the President for a formal federal declaration. With a formal federal disaster declaration the residents and business owners in the affected area will receive the assistance they need to restore their lives and businesses.

Enclosed please find a copy of the survey I released yesterday.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN B. MALONE

Member of Congress