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Bryan Urges Trump To Provide U.S. Aid To Bahamas

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Governor Albert Bryan has sent a [letter](#) to President Donald Trump urging the administration to provide U.S. aid to the Bahamas in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian, Government House has announced.

The governor drew on the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria and what Virgin Islanders experienced to empathize with Bahamian residents and their guests, the release said.

“Having had these experiences, the people of the Virgin Islands understand all too well the feelings of helplessness, distress and displaced sense of purpose, safety and peace that the people of The Bahamas are currently experiencing,” Mr. Bryan wrote. “As a

territory of the United States, Virgin Islanders are grateful for the assistance that has been rendered to us by our federal government.”

Some of the Bahamas islands, including the Abaco Islands, Freeport and Grand Bahama were decimated by Hurricane Dorian, which spent two days on the islands after making landfall as a Cat. 5 hurricane. The storm left late Tuesday and started affecting the coast of Florida. So far 7 people have been reported dead as a result of the storm in the Bahamas, a number Bahamian officials have warned is expected to rise.

In his letter, Mr. Bryan said the territory received immediate help in the aftermath of Irma and Maria from countries aside from the U.S. "We can attest to the comfort we felt when global communities came together to lift our spirits and ease the burden of the disaster recovery process," he wrote.

Mr. Bryan added, "Seeing the unprecedented devastation to the homes, businesses, and beauty of The Bahamas created by the magnitude of Hurricane Dorian, and understanding the uncertainties of their future, I am obliged to seek your assistance on behalf of the Bahamian people.”

According to Government House, the governor also sent a courtesy copy of his letter urging aid to Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Minnis.