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Paul R. LePage
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May 23, 2013

Mr. Frank Skaggs, Director
U. S. Small Business Administration
Office of Disaster Assistance
Field Operations Center – East
101 Marietta St., NW, Suite 700
Atlanta, GA 30303


Dear Mr. Skaggs,

On May 3, a fire destroyed 4 apartment buildings and displaced 28 families in downtown Lewiston, Maine. Based on the results of a joint survey conducted by the Maine Emergency Management Agency, the Androscoggin United Emergency Management Agency, the City of Lewiston, and the US Small Business Administration, damages exceed the SBA requirement of at least 25 homes and/or businesses with uninsured losses of 40 percent or more of their fair market value.

Based on this information, I hereby certify in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 13, Part 123.3, that there were at least 25 major cases of physical property damage as a result of the fire that occurred on May 3, 2013. I request that affected area in the City of Lewiston be declared a disaster area by the Small Business Administration so that low-interest loans may be made available to the affected property owners and residents.

The State of Maine will not seek a Presidential Disaster Declaration through FEMA for Individual Assistance for this event. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If additional information is required to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact the Maine Emergency Management Agency, Attention: Richard Higgins, at 207-624-4425, or by email at richard.higgins@maine.gov.

Sincerely,


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Dear Mr. Skaggs,

On April 29, a fire destroyed 3 apartment buildings and displaced 25 families in downtown Lewiston, Maine. Based on the results of a joint survey conducted by the Maine Emergency Management Agency, the Androscoggin United Emergency Management Agency, the City of Lewiston, and the US Small Business Administration, damages exceed the SBA requirement of at least 25 homes and/or businesses with uninsured losses of 40 percent or more of their fair market value.

Based on this information, I hereby certify in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 13, Part 123.3, that there were at least 25 major cases of physical property damage as a result of the fire that occurred on April 29, 2013. I request that affected area in the City of Lewiston be declared a disaster area by the Small Business Administration so that low-interest loans may be made available to the affected property owners and residents.

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