

Dear Members of the Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness:

Thank you for all of your hard work with the Select Committee. In addition to the 16 hours we spent together in committee hearings, I greatly appreciate the time and thought you devoted to developing and proposing possible recommendations for the Select Committee's consideration. Members submitted 161 recommendations, along with numerous revisions to those recommendations.

After reviewing the recommendations submitted by members and the many executive agency comments on these recommendations, as well as the 200 plus recommendations provided to the committee at our hearings, I offer for your review and comment my suggested recommendations for inclusion in our final report. The exclusion of a recommendation from the list of suggested recommendations should not be viewed as indicating my lack of support for it. In arriving at my suggested recommendations, I attempted to include those recommendations providing clear direction, addressing statewide issues central to the charge of the Select Committee, and reflecting the view of Select Committee as a body. Any recommendations approved by the Select Committee will be passed on to the standing substantive and fiscal committees of the House for their consideration and further development. Ideas not included in our final recommendations also undoubtedly will be considered by these committees.

I welcome your comments on the suggested recommendations, which are presented in the attached Word document named "Draft Recommendations of the Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness." Please provide any comments you wish to share with me in the comments section of the document and email it to staff (Tom Hamby) by close of business this Wednesday, January 10th. As I previously indicated, I will consider all comments submitted and incorporate my final suggested recommendations into a draft final report for the Select Committee's consideration at our final meeting on Tuesday, January 16th. I will provide you with the draft final report prior to our meeting next Tuesday.

Please contact me or Tom Hamby if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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