



In Case You Missed It:

## **"This Is Not The Time For Partisanship Or Regional Isolationism"**

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"We Need Congress's Help On Sandy Relief"

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"As Congress works to put our nation's fiscal house in order, its leaders and members should not leave Washington until they have fulfilled another of their critical obligations: to provide aid to the Northeast, a region facing unprecedented damage and devastation. ...

"While Sandy's power and destruction were an unprecedented event for our region, natural disasters have brought tragedy to every corner of our nation at some point. Mother Nature's wrath has affected millions of American families and businesses.

"Storms and disasters lay waste to communities and deliver damage far beyond the resources and capacity of any single state to recover on its own. This is why Congress has always come to the assistance of Americans facing a recovery effort of this scale. ...

"We realize that our nation faces significant fiscal challenges, and we respect congressional leaders' efforts to work with President Obama to achieve a resolution. As governors, we have had to make hard budget choices in the wake of the economic crisis and recession.

"Yet our needs are real and immediate, and Congress must act — as it has so many times before — to assist our recovery and help us build back better and stronger than ever. ...

"This is not the time for partisanship or regional isolationism. The three of us have reached across the aisle and across our borders to work together during this crisis. Congress must do the same and not allow this much-needed aid to fall in to the ideological divide. ...

"Americans come together in times of crisis. Our states have stood with your communities when they suffered and faced devastation. It's time for Congress to stand with us."