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RENTAL ASSISTANCE APPEAL LETTER

To Whom it May Concern,

I, [*applicant name*], am appealing the [*"award amount" or "denial"*] that I received dated [*date of denial or award letter*] for FEMA Rental Assistance.

I am displaced from my primary residence due to this disaster and do not have the financial resources necessary to pay for alternate temporary housing. I am requesting assistance from FEMA to cover this financial shortfall to cover temporary rental expenses while I am displaced.

I am requesting a waiver of the 60-day appeal window, if applicable, because [*briefly explain why your appeal was late, for example, "I was experiencing disaster-related hardship..."*].

I am requesting that a copy of my complete FEMA file be released and mailed to my current mailing address at [*mailing address*].

[*"I am also requesting an additional in-person FEMA inspection of my home."*]

I. CONDITIONS QUALIFYING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE

I am displaced from my primary residence because of [*"DR-4856-CA – California Wildfires and Straight-line Winds disaster" or other Presidentially declared disaster number and name*] as my home is: [*select from options*]

(1) "uninhabitable and in need of repair or replacement"

(2) "inaccessible due to access impediments or official restrictions"

(3) "affected by utility outages that disrupt the functionality of the residence"

(4) "unavailable due to forced relocation [*explain circumstances of forced relocation, for example the property owner is restricting access due to disaster damage or taking possession of the property for their own disaster housing"*].

I temporary housing expenses that will not be covered by insurance, as outlined below.

I am willing to relocate from my pre-disaster residence while repairs are being made.

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I do not have access to adequate rent-free housing or own a second home within reasonable commuting distance. I do not own an available rental property that would meet my temporary housing needs.

II. STATEMENT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

[*if insured*] I have received a total of [*settlement award amount or "$0.00"*] in Additional Living Expense/Loss of Use coverage from [*name of insurance company, or write "insurance" if no coverage*]. This amount does not cover my temporary housing expenses while displaced from my disaster-damaged home.

[*if not insured*] I do not have any insurance policy that would provide Additional Living Expense/Loss of Use coverage or cover my temporary housing expenses otherwise.

III. STATEMENT OF EXHAUSTION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

I have incurred expenses to rent temporary housing for the period [*dates expenses incurred*]. These housing expenses amount to a total of [*$ amount of total housing expenses*]. As such, I have fully exhausted the [*$ amount of rental assistance from all sources*] of resources available to me and have an unmet need for rental assistance moving forward.

I have attached receipts and other itemized statements for temporary rental expenses while I have been displaced from my home.

1) Rent: **$0.00**
2) Essential Utilities [*include gas, electric, water, oil, trash, and sewer*]: **$0.00**
3) Security Deposits: **$0.00**

Total Eligible Rental Expenses: $0.00

IV. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF COMPLETE FEMA FILE

I request that FEMA release a complete copy of my FEMA file and mail that copy to my current mailing address at [*mailing address*].

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

I have attached the following supporting documents to this appeal:

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[*list names of attached documents*]

Please approve my appeal for the maximum amount of assistance from FEMA to allow me to afford temporary rental housing.

Please waive the 60-day appeal window, if applicable, and release a complete copy of my FEMA file to the mailing address indicated above. [*Please schedule an additional FEMA inspection of my disaster-damaged home.*]

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,

[*applicant name*]