

September 23, 2005

Maude Hurd
President
Association of Community Organizations
for Reform Now (ACORN)
739 – 8 Street South East
WASHINGTON, DC 20003
USA

Dear Maude:

Re: Hurricane Recovery and Rebuilding Fund

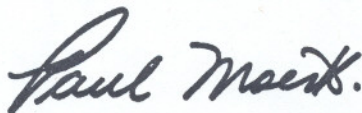
We were shocked at the devastation brought to bear by Hurricane Katrina, particularly on the low and middle-income citizens of your country and we wish to help.

We are very pleased to be able to forward a \$50,000 contribution to the ACORN Hurricane Recovery and Rebuilding Fund. We will be letting our locals across Canada know where to send additional donations they may wish to make.

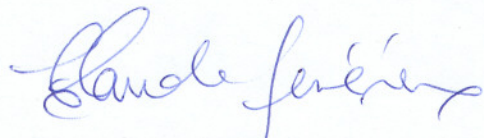
As Canada's largest union, the Canadian Union of Public Employees represents 540,000 working women and men in all parts of our country. The vast majority of our members are public sector workers, who understand the critical need for a strong public sector, especially in times of crisis such as what your members are going through.

Our union is the "community union" in Canada and we fight on a daily basis to build and protect strong communities to provide equality and social justice for all our citizens. We appreciate that ACORN shares our vision for strong communities and we give our donation in that spirit.

In solidarity,



PAUL MOIST
National President



CLAUDE GÉNÉREUX
National Secretary-Treasurer

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cc: John Young, ACORN, Vancouver, Canada; National Executive Board Members