

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 19, 2014

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary
United States Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

We are writing to request your immediate assistance in helping those persons, including over 1,000 Americans, who are still stranded in Mexico after Hurricane Odile. As we write this, Tropical Storm Polo is moving toward the area, making the situation all the more urgent to address.

Hurricane Odile made landfall near Cabo San Lucas early Monday morning as the most powerful storm ever to strike the Baja Peninsula area. Its winds of 125 miles per hour and torrential rain devastated the region.

Now four days after the storm, this area remains in crisis. Thousands of people, including many Americans, face being stranded without electricity or fresh water. Looting has also been reported.

We need further assistance from the State Department. Therefore, we would request you, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, work with Mexican authorities to address the situation in a number of ways.

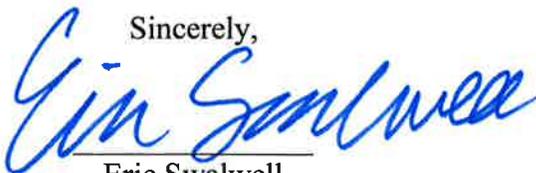
First, we need to expedite the movement of people out of the region with any resources available. This could include air and naval assets.

Second, people who are stranded need to be able to communicate with friends and loved ones. This may require the repositioning of communications systems.

Third, there are not enough United States officials on the ground able to assist. In light of this, they need to move to where people are stranded and help those in need reach the airport.

Time is of the essence, and we urge you to work quickly to address this crisis.

Sincerely,



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Attached Members of Congress Signing Letter to Secretary of Kerry Regarding Americans
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74. Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM-1)
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76. Joyce Beatty (OH-3)
77. Tom Rice (SC-7)
78. Judy Chu (CA-27)
79. Joe Garcia (FL-26)
80. Cheri Bustos (IL-17)
81. Duncan Hunter (CA-50)
82. Henry Cuellar (TX-28)
83. Carolyn McCarthy (NY-4)