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Support Haiti Relief Efforts

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As you may know, earlier this week a massive 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti and its capital, Portau-Prince. The death and devastation are unimaginable, and the people of Haiti will need the assistance of people all over the world, including Americans, to recover from this tragedy.

A number of aid efforts are now underway for those who wish to provide help and support. In order to ensure the prompt delivery of needed relief, I encourage local residents to consider contacting the American Red Cross, which is helping to lead the effort to meet immediate needs for food, water, temporary shelter and medical services. To make a donation on-line, please visit their website at american.redcross.org.

The Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC is also accepting monetary donations for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

You can <u>donate online</u> By phone: 212-788-7794 Or mail checks, with Haiti Earthquake Relief written in the memo, to: Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City One Centre Street, 23rd Floor New York, NY 10007

For those who wish to donate by text message, simply text: "HAITI" to "90999" and a donation of \$10 will be given automatically to the Red Cross to help with relief efforts. The donation will appear on your cell phone bill.

New Yorkers have a long and proud tradition of providing aid and relief to those in need, and communities across our state are now pulling together to lend a helping hand during this time of great need. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Haiti in the wake of this devastating tragedy.