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Dear Acting Administrator Hamilton, Secretary Duffy, and Acting Administrator Woodel,

I write to you in the wake of the tragic crash of a medical jet in Northeast Philadelphia, located within my congressional district. As of now, seven lives have been lost, and twenty-four others have been injured, several of whom remain hospitalized. The homes and businesses that have been impacted by this tragedy span several neighborhoods, and my constituents are looking to every level of government to support them as the cleanup and repair efforts proceed.

While the cause of this crash remains under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), I believe that we must act urgently to explore every possible avenue for government support to aid in our city's recovery. While this is an unprecedented situation, history shows that the federal government has provided vital support to communities in the aftermath of other tragedies, such as the 2021 Surfside Condominium Collapse in Florida.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for instance, could look at assisting individuals with immediate needs, such as temporary housing. The Small Business Administration (SBA) could consider the possibility of offering low-interest disaster loans to businesses, homeowners, renters, and nonprofits to cover uninsured losses. Additionally, the Department of Transportation, in collaboration with PennDOT and the City of Philadelphia, could explore offering support in rebuilding essential infrastructure, such as Cottman Avenue and the surrounding environment, where the crash took place.

I strongly urge you to consider all avenues for federal support to ensure that the federal government is doing everything in its power to support Philadelphia's recovery from this tragedy as quickly as possible. This is a priority not only for me but for the entire city of Philadelphia, and I ask that you work closely with me, along with state and local officials, to ensure that we leave no stone unturned in this recovery effort.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brendan F. Boyle".

Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress