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**Statement by Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour – Aug. 27, 2009:**

“I appreciate the Rockefeller Institute and Governor Winter's focus on helping us learn valuable lessons in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the worst natural disaster in American history. As I have testified before Congress, many elements of the Stafford Act are simply insufficient and ineffective in a mega-disaster like Katrina. Considering the scope of Katrina's damages and the unfortunate limitations of existing federal law, Mississippi's communities and state government worked well with federal agencies to do as much as possible as quickly as possible; we will always be grateful for that.”