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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON HUD DUPLICATION OF  
BENEFITS DECISION FOR SANDY VICTIMS**

“Today’s decision by HUD to forgive most duplication of benefit reviews for Sandy victims will provide much-needed peace of mind to many New Yorkers. It would have been unacceptable and unfair to ask New Yorkers to clean up a mess they didn’t create, and to slow down Build it Back after our overhaul put the program on track. This decision will allow most Sandy impacted homeowners – who have already been through so much – to keep their flood insurance settlements without worrying about potential clawbacks. We appreciate HUD heeding our calls and taking this important step.”

*This summer, Mayor de Blasio and Council member Mark Treyger wrote to HUD, urging the agency to waive the “duplication of benefit” requirements that arose after FEMA’s decision on flood insurance claims.*

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