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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON PRESIDENT OBAMA’S PLAN
FOR PUERTO RICO**

“President Obama took an important step today by presenting a clear roadmap to save Puerto Rico from a financial debacle. The federal government’s intervention is urgent and crucial, as the island faces a worsening economic and fiscal crisis. Too many jobs are being lost, families are hurting, and people are leaving the island. Puerto Rico cannot dig itself out of this situation alone. We have a responsibility to help our 3.5 million fellow U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico. As Puerto Rico makes some difficult decisions to deal with this crisis, I urge Congress to work with the White House to provide Puerto Rico with the protections, equal treatment, and support it needs.”

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