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The Honorable Charles W. Boustany, Jr., M.D.
U.S. House of Representatives
1117 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Charles:

I am writing to thank you for keeping us updated on developments in Southwest Louisiana. I especially appreciated your letter highlighting the devastation of Hurricane Rita on the residents of the 7th District of Louisiana. You have been a diligent advocate to ensure "Rita amnesia" does not spread among Members of Congress.

I want to let you know that as a result of your request we gave careful consideration to including a visit to Southwest Louisiana as part of our upcoming Congressional Delegation visit to the Gulf Coast. Unfortunately, logistics and time constraints made it impractical to tour the parts of Louisiana impacted by Hurricane Rita during this trip.

I look forward to working with you to arrange a future visit for me to personally come down to Southwest Louisiana. Please continue to keep me updated on developments as your district recovers from the impact of Hurricane Rita.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Dennis Hastert".

J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House