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To the Banking Community:

In an effort to accommodate veterans who have been adversely affected by Hurricane Katrina, the Department of Veterans Affairs has implemented a policy to issue replacement checks to veterans who are unable to receive their VA benefits by normal means. These third party drafts are issued by CitiBank and, though they do not resemble normal Treasury checks, they should be treated as such.

The check accompanying this letter is one of these replacement checks and has the backing of the Federal government. We request you honor it as you would any US Treasury check.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated and will greatly assist our nation's veterans during this difficult time. If you have any questions, please contact (INSERT CONTACT NAME) at (INSERT PHONE NUMBER).

(RO Director)