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Hello SGMP Louisiana members and friends!

My heart is heavy. While both New Orleans and Baton Rouge were spared from the brunt of both Hurricanes Marco and Laura, our neighbor cities to the west were not. Our State has been devastated by Hurricane Laura in ways reminiscent of Hurricane Katrina.

Our people are hurting. Cities remain in shambles. It will be weeks before power is restored as entire grids are having to be rebuilt. Crews are working around the clock to restore both power and water. Homes are inhabitable and property is mangled. Citizens have been told to come, salvage what they can, take inventory, but to leave as conditions are not safe or healthy for daily living.

If there is one thing I know, it is that the people of Louisiana are resilient. In times of crisis a neighbor becomes family. A stranger becomes a friend. We all band together to do what we can to keep surviving. And God bless the Cajun Navy!

2020 has been a struggle for all of us. Now more than ever we need each other. SGMP Louisiana would like to do what we can to assist with the relief efforts in southwest Louisiana. We have created two shopping lists filled with much needed supplies. If able, we encourage you to make a donation. The supplies will ship directly to my home where I will store and organize them. Once we have a truckload we will transport the supplies to Calcasieu Parish.

[Wal-mart Shopping Link](#)

[Amazon Shopping Link](#)

We have also setup a donation link on our website. Any funds donated via the link will go directly towards purchasing relief supplies.

[Monetary Donation](#)

We will be sharing the links on social media later this week and encourage you to share them on your feed. Louisiana needs us!

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