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February 20, 2025

Mr. Orlando Rivera Berríos Executive Director Office of Management and Budget

Dear Mr. Rivera Berríos:

The Fiscal Year 2025 Commonwealth Budget Resolution (the "FY2025 Budget") allocates \$9 million to support municipalities in providing funding for additional paramedics for a new third shift to improve medical emergency response services.

Pursuant to the FY2025 Budget and based on compliance with the applicable requirements, the Oversight Board authorizes the distribution of the aforementioned \$9 million as detailed in **Exhibit A**.

The Oversight Board understands the challenges municipalities face in providing medical emergency response services for their residents, including but not limited to proper staffing, response time effectiveness, data collection, and equipment. After discussions with the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"), the Federation of Mayors, and the Association of Mayors, the Oversight Board requested the Federation and Association to share a survey with their respective members to gather information about medical emergency response services provided by the municipalities. The Oversight Board reviewed distribution proposals received from the Federation of Mayors and individual municipalities based on this survey.

Based on the applicable criteria and requirements established for this medical emergency response program, an allocation was determined for 50 potentially qualifying municipalities. The criteria to determine potentially qualified municipalities and allocations takes into consideration participation in the 9-1-1 Service, population density and municipal fiscal capacity. To date, 38 of these municipalities have completed the survey and qualified for the fund distribution.

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As detailed in **Exhibit B**, the 12 municipalities that have not responded to the survey might also qualify for the disbursement of the determined allocation. The Oversight Board encourages these municipalities to complete the survey, and will inform OMB which of these municipalities qualify for the disbursement.

All participating municipalities must comply with the eligibility requirements set forth in the fund agreement they will be signing with the OMB.

We appreciate the Executive Branch's support with this initiative and look forward to continuing our work together for the benefit of Puerto Rico's municipalities.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Mujica, Jr. Executive Director

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Exhibit A Medical Emergency Response Fund Allocation by Qualifying Municipality

Municipality	Total Allocation
Arroyo	\$116,767
Barceloneta	\$128,945
Cabo Rojo	\$247,141
Camuy	\$219,552
Canóvanas	\$185,540
Cayey	\$209,267
Ceiba	\$93,919
Ciales	\$145,272
Coamo	\$238,424
Dorado	\$142,111
Fajardo	\$165,496
Florida	\$120,292
Guánica	\$124,582
Guayama	\$202,613
Guayanilla	\$127,370
Gurabo	\$188,082
Hatillo	\$209,117
Isabela	\$220,547
Juncos	\$161,121
Las Marías	\$101,033
Las Piedras	\$154,116
Loíza	\$194,343
Manatí	\$195,733
Maunabo	\$108,993
Naranjito	\$206,852
Orocovis	\$186,002
Patillas	\$134,589
Sabana Grande	\$179,168
San Germán	\$190,976
San Lorenzo	\$183,776
Santa Isabel	\$141,638
Toa Alta	\$347,070
Utuado	\$214,141
Vega Alta	\$204,460

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Vega Baja	\$267,327
Vieques	\$79,413
Yabucoa	\$150,974
Yauco	\$204,939
Total ¹	\$6,691,701

1. Numbers may not add to total due to rounding.

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Exhibit B
Medical Emergency Response Possible Fund Allocation by Municipality, if
determined eligible¹

Municipality	Total Allocation
Aguadilla	\$262,128
Cidra	\$224,872
Corozal	\$249,549
Hormigueros	\$118,138
Humacao	\$174,014
Maricao	\$72,170
Morovis	\$224,891
Naguabo	\$139,656
Peñuelas	\$116,566
Río Grande	\$239,336
Trujillo Alto	\$331,549
Villalba	\$155,432
Total ²	\$2,308,301

- 1. Subject to completion of survey and signing fund agreement with OMB.
- 2. Numbers may not add to total due to rounding.