Maria changed everything!

After 8 Weeks
- 55 official fatalities, but 400+ under investigation
- Electricity <43% generation
- Running water <91%
- Cell phones antennas 60%, towers 74%
- Gas stations <84%
- 51 shelters, 1,900 people

Devastated Economy
- 100,000+ homes damaged
- 80% of crops destroyed
- 69% hotels operational
- Double unemployment
- 21% potential income decline over next 15 years
- Cumulative $180 billion in lost economic output
Erratic Federal Response

- FEMA bureaucratic, lacking staff and coordination
- USNS Comfort hospital delayed deployment and underutilized
- Small deployment Army Corps of Engineers
- Announced withdrawal of troops

Electric Grid Restoration

- 900 local workers
- Only a few hundred electrical workers have arrived to help
  - In Texas: 5,300 workers after Hurricane Harvey
  - In Florida: 18,000 workers after Hurricane Irma
- PREPA dispute, politics

Depopulation of Island

- 114,000 – 213,000 will leave Puerto Rico annually
- Florida estimates are 40,000 to 82,000
- Puerto Rico may lose up to 470,335 residents or 14% of the population by 2019


Migrants will need culturally competent services
- Counseling
- Schools
- Health services
- Employment
- Housing
- Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid transfers

Post-Maria Exodus from Puerto Rico by States One-Year Estimates

OPPORTUNITY
Diaspora Solidarity Movement and Coalition Building
To create an effective action network

To create a more unified voice for Puerto Rico, Puerto Ricans

**Agenda to support Long-Term Recovery**

1. Advocacy Coalition for Federal emergency and rebuilding assistance
2. Diaspora Solidarity Movement needs stronger info HUB(s)
3. We need to build a (PR)P2P(Diaspora) movement

**First, Do No Harm!**

The House and Senate Tax Bills Harm PR

Puerto Rico as a *Foreign v. Domestic* jurisdiction:
- Section 4303 imposes a 20% new excise tax on mfg.
- Legitimizes fed. deductions
- Act 154 local tax on foreign corporations ($2b or > 20% of PR’s tax revenues)

**Foreign Taxable Income and Taxes Paid by Country, 2010**

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Source: IRS Form 1118 (2010).
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Switch to a territorial system:
- A one-time "deemed repatriation" of 5% to 14%
- Could make PR more comp. v. Ireland, etc.
- Could make PR less comp. v. stateside locations

Puerto Rico needs Federal disaster relief now!
- So far a $36.5 b disaster relief bill
  - Includes aid for CA, FL, GA, PR, TX, and USVI
  - Agencies: FEMA, HUD, SBA, USDA, and Interior
- About $6B PR earmark
  - Not enough!

Puerto Rico needs Federal disaster relief now!
- White House asked for a second $44b disaster relief bill
  - Includes aid for CA, FL, GA, PR, TX, and USVI
  - Agencies: FEMA, HUD, SBA, USDA, and Interior
- No PR earmark

Puerto Rico needs Federal disaster relief now!
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- "Authority" to receive funding examined by HR Natural Resources Com.
  - FOMB v. Governor
  - Model: Louisiana Recovery Authority?
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Today: Understanding
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Tomorrow?
Time for action!