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DR. COBURN ASKS HUD TO PREVENT IMPROPER HURRICANE SANDY PAYMENTS AFTER NEW REPORT IDENTIFIES \$700 MILLION MISSPENT POST KATRINA

In a **letter** (http://coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?a=Files.Serve&File_id=465074bb-083f-4a7e-b83f-36e9de0a7e91) to Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, Dr. Coburn asks the department to outline how it is planning to ensure \$16 billion in Hurricane Sandy grants will be awarded properly after the department's inspector general released a **report** (http://coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?a=Files.Serve&File_id=eabb24ce-

2864-4cb0-b052-dffb7ccfe8cb) detailing how 24,000 noncompliant homeowners received millions in federal grants following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report found 24,000 homeowners who collectively received around \$698 million in federal funding were noncompliant with properly elevating their homes, a condition of receiving the funds, after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.