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Pascrell: Proud to have helped PVSC following Sandy

To the Editor:

I would be hard-pressed to name many occurrences more devastating to our state than Hurricane Sandy. As we approach the 6-year anniversary of the storm's landfall, families and businesses continue along the arduous and painful path to recovery.

New Jersey's utilities also sustained extensive damage at the hand of the superstorm. In North Jersey, it caused widespread damage to several properties belonging to the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC), which is

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tasked with alleviating pollution in and around the Passaic River.

Wastewater treatment facilities like PVSC provide a critical service in protecting our environment and the public's health, so their recovery must continue to remain a priority. To expedite PVSC's recovery process, I was proud to announce the awarding of

a \$1.1M federal grant that will help restore properties damaged by the storm and better prepare PVSC for future disasters.

Federal support remains crucial to our state's recovery efforts.

Until New Jersey emerges stronger and better prepared for disasters like Sandy, I will continue fighting for federal awards like this that contribute directly to our state's recovery.

U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr. (D-9)
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