

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden  
Office of the President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

We are grateful to the law enforcement officers, first responders, and emergency officials working tirelessly in the State of Georgia in response to Hurricane Helene. State officials assess that the damage in many Georgia communities is of such severity and magnitude that effective response will be beyond the capabilities of the state and affected local governments.

We write to convey full support for Governor Brian Kemp's request for an expedited major disaster declaration for the counties in the State of Georgia significantly impacted by Hurricane Helene. Specifically the Governor has requested Public Assistance for the following Counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baker, Baldwin, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bleckley, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Calhoun, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clay, Clayton, Clinch, Cobb, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, DeKalb, Dodge, Dougherty, Douglas, Early, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Fayette, Fulton, Glascock, Glynn, Grady, Gwinnett, Hancock, Henry, Irwin, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Lee, Liberty, Long, Lowndes, McDuffie, McIntosh, Miller, Mitchell, Montgomery, Pierce, Pulaski, Putnam, Quitman, Randolph, Richmond, Rockdale, Screven, Seminole, Taliaferro, Tattnall, Telfair, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Turner, Twiggs, Ware, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox, Wilkinson, and Worth.

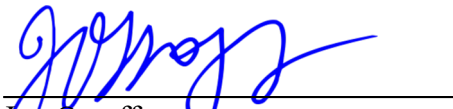
Governor Kemp has also requested Individual Assistance for the following Counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Bryan, Brooks, Bulloch, Burke, Butts, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Cook, Echols, Effingham, Elbert, Emanuel, Evans, Glynn, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Liberty, Long, Lowndes, McDuffie, McIntosh, Montgomery, Newton, Pierce, Rabun, Richmond, Tattnall, Telfair, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Ware, and Wayne Counties.

We also support the Governor's request that you use your discretion under Section 403 and Section 407 of the Stafford Act, to increase the Federal cost share of the eligible costs associated with Hurricane Helene.

This major disaster declaration will provide a range of important federal assistance programs in the counties impacted by Hurricane Helene, including funds for both individuals and public infrastructure.

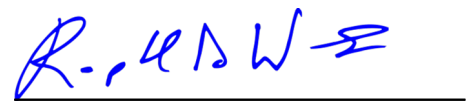
We encourage your team to promptly consider Governor Kemp's request for a major disaster declaration, and we stand ready to work with you and your Administration to support these critical recover efforts in Georgia.

Sincerely,




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Jon Ossoff  
United States Senator



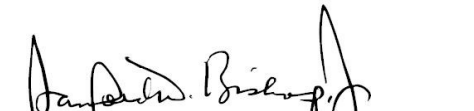
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Raphael Warnock  
United States Senator




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Earl L. "Buddy" Carter  
Member of Congress




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Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.  
Member of Congress



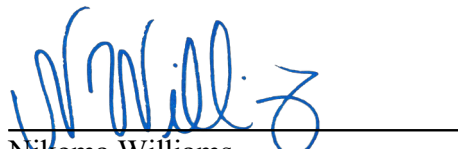
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A. Drew Ferguson IV  
Member of Congress




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Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.  
Member of Congress




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Nikema Williams  
Member of Congress



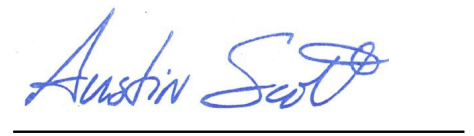
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Rich McCormick, MD, MBA  
Member of Congress



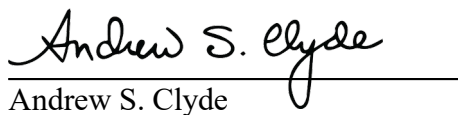
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Lucy McBath  
Member of Congress




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Austin Scott  
Member of Congress




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Andrew S. Clyde  
Member of Congress



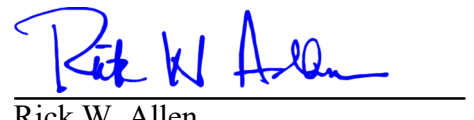
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Mike Collins  
Member of Congress



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Barry Loudermilk  
Member of Congress



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Rick W. Allen  
Member of Congress

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David Scott  
Member of Congress

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Marjorie Taylor Greene  
Member of Congress