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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in full support of Governor Brian Kemp's request for an emergency declaration for the state of Georgia in anticipation of Hurricane Debby.

Hurricane Debby has been classified as a Category 1 hurricane and is expected to cause incredible devastation to portions of the Southeastern United States. NOAA has warned communities in the path of Hurricane Debby to expect potentially historic heavy rainfall that may result in catastrophic flooding.

As the current projections indicate, this major hurricane will significantly impact Georgia's communities, with 10 to 20 inches of rainfall and local amounts up to 30 inches expected across portions of southeast Georgia. We urge you to approve requests to ensure that full federal resources are made available for counties currently under the declaration and those that may be determined to be in need of emergency federal assistance in the coming days.

Given the potential catastrophic impact that this hurricane may have on Georgia, the state and federal government must work together in order to help reduce the potential loss of life and destruction of property. As we have witnessed with previous hurricanes in the area, like Hurricane Idelia, preparation and up-front resources are paramount in mitigating the impacts of the storm and providing quick response in its aftermath.

We thank you for your support and ask for your continued support and assistance in providing the resources necessary to ensure the safety of Georgians.

Sincerely,

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