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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:

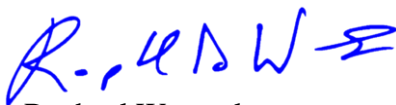
We write in full support of Governor Brian Kemp's request for a major disaster declaration for the counties in the state of Georgia significantly impacted by Hurricane Debby, which caused severe damages beyond the combined capabilities of our state and local governments' ability to respond.

Specifically, the Governor has requested Individual Assistance for Bryan, Bulloch, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Liberty, Long, and Screven Counties; Public Assistance for Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Effingham, Evans, Jeff Davis, Jenkins, Lanier, Long, Lowndes, McIntosh, Pierce, Screven, Tattnall, Thomas, Tift, Toombs, Ware, and Wayne Counties; and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

After Hurricane Debby made landfall along Florida's Gulf Coast on the evening of August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the storm moved inland to Southern Georgia as a Tropical Storm on the morning of August 5<sup>th</sup>, bringing over a foot of water throughout the region. Several of the rivers in Southeast Georgia flooded, forcing some communities to evacuate, and persisted for days with extensive damages.

A major disaster declaration will provide a wide range of important federal assistance programs for the individuals and public infrastructure in the counties impacted by Debby, including funds for both emergency and permanent work. We thank you for your support and ask for your continued work and assistance in providing the resources necessary for Georgians to recover from Hurricane Debby.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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