Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pensylvannia Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

President Trump:

We write in support of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis's request for a Major Disaster Declaration following the severe November 2026 Fall Flooding, which has brought catastrophic rainfall to the Florida peninsula and caused significant disruptions across the state. Immediate federal intervention is critical following the severe and historic fall flooding that has devastated communities across the state

This extreme weather event brought widespread, destructive flooding to communities across Florida, causing severe damage to homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure. The extraordinary accumulations of water have forced road closures and inundated public facilities statewide. Although damage assessments are still underway, the emergency reported thus far highlights the significant impact these floods have had on communities across the state, many of which are still recovering from previous storms.

State and local emergency personnel have acted swiftly to conduct water rescues, reinforce critical assets, and provide emergency shelter. However, the geographic scope of this disaster and the severity of the damage exceed the response capabilities of state and local resources alone. Supplemental federal assistance is urgently required.

Assuming the damages meet federal assistance requirements, we respectfully urge you to approve the Governor's request for a Major Disaster Declaration, including but not limited to access to Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, Direct Federal Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation resources. Federal support is critical to helping Florida families recover, restoring essential services, and ensuring affected communities have the resources needed to rebuild stronger than ever, and prepare for future storms.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent request and for your administration's support of the people of Florida.

Sincerely,

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