

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 10, 2024

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis's request for a Major Disaster Declaration due to Hurricane Debby, which brought hurricane force winds and torrential rains to much of Florida's west coast through inland Florida. Hurricane Debby's storm surge and heavy rainfall severely impacted substantial portions of the state, with significant flooding, massive power outages, and widespread damage that will take a strong partnership to recover and rebuild.

Unfortunately, this hurricane will continue to impact the state for some time, and the full extent of flooding will not be known for a couple of weeks as Debby continues to produce rain to the north. These rains will deluge the estuaries and watersheds that feed into Florida's rivers. Promptly approving this declaration request will allow Floridians to be better prepared for the recovery phase. As such, we urge you to approve the State of Florida's request for a Major Disaster Declaration.

Floridians are incredibly resilient, and with the cooperation from all levels of government, we will rebuild stronger than ever. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator



Rick Scott
U.S. Senator



Kat Cammack
Member of Congress



W. Gregory Steube
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vern Buchanan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vern" and last name "Buchanan" clearly distinguishable.

Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress