

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0908

August 3, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' request for a pre-landfall emergency declaration for 61 Florida counties due to Tropical Storm Debby. This storm is forecast to strengthen and bring heavy rainfall and flooding, gusty winds and life-threatening inundation from storm surge along portions of Florida's west coast in the coming days.

While Florida is no stranger to severe weather and storms, ensuring that the state has access to the federal resources it needs is imperative to protecting Floridians, property and our communities. As such, we request that you promptly approve Governor DeSantis' request for a pre-landfall emergency declaration.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott
United States Senator



Marco Rubio
United States Senator