

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 27, 2019

President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in full support of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's request for a pre-landfall emergency declaration for the island in anticipation of Tropical Storm Dorian. As current projections indicate, Tropical Storm Dorian is forecasted to be near hurricane strength when it moves close to Puerto Rico. As such, we urge you to immediately approve this request to ensure that full federal resources are made available.

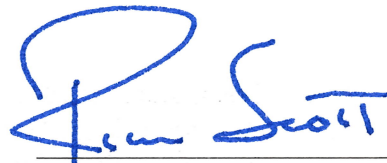
Puerto Ricans are still in the process of recovering from Hurricane Maria, which devastated the island on September 20, 2017. As Tropical Storm Dorian approaches, the state and federal government must effectively coordinate in order to help reduce the potential loss of life and destruction of property. As we witnessed last October with Hurricane Michael, preparation and up-front resources are paramount.

We strongly urge you to consider all of the circumstances referenced in Puerto Rico's request and approve this pre-landfall emergency declaration that will provide the resources necessary to ensure the safety of the American citizens in Puerto Rico. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator



Rick Scott
U.S. Senator