

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

September 12, 2017

President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to request an increase of the federal cost share related to public assistance—specifically debris removal and emergency protective measures—for Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

Under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Assistance Act, catastrophic storms like Hurricane Irma warrant a higher federal cost share to cover clean up and recovery efforts. We support an increase to a 100% federal cost for Public Assistance Category A, which is currently being funded at a 75% federal cost share. The increased federal cost share for Category A projects will be critical to the debris removal process in our state. Additionally, we ask that the increased cost share for Categories A and B be extended past 30 days in order to address the vast sections of Florida in need of federal assistance in the recovery process.

Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida on September 10, 2017, and Floridians across the state continue to feel its effects. As the storm moves north, we will begin to realize the severity of damage inflicted upon homes, businesses, schools and other communal spaces. Many of these communities are still recovering from last year's damages inflicted by Hurricanes Hermine and Matthew. Therefore, we urge you to provide robust federal support, so that Floridians may begin to restore their lives and their property.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

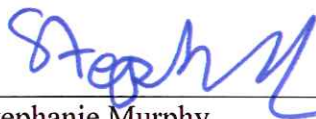
Sincerely,



Bill Nelson
United States Senator



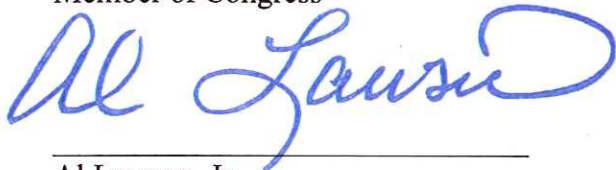
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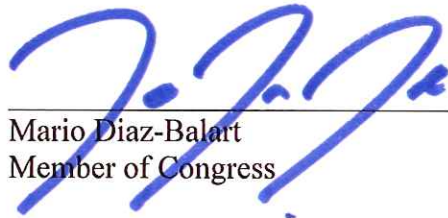
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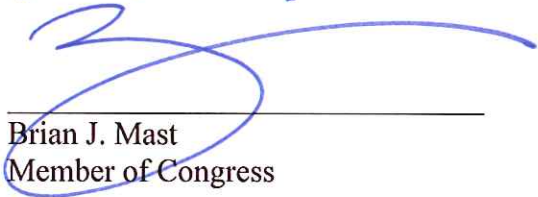
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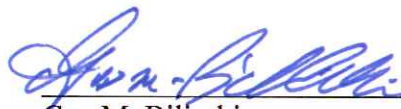
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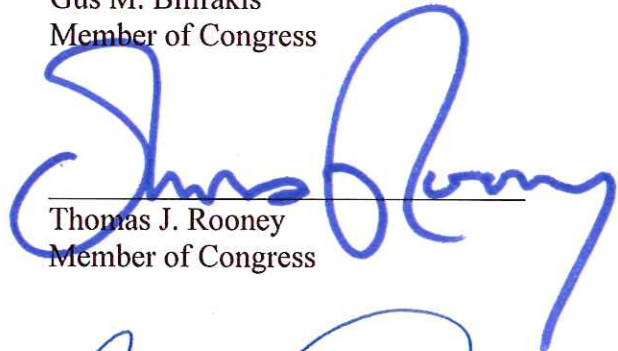
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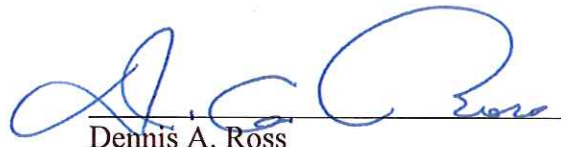
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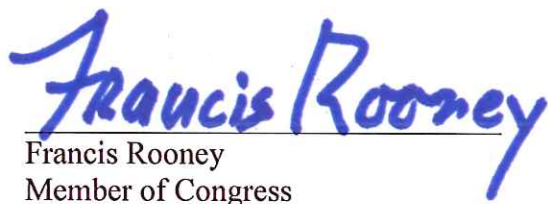
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