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September 5, 2019

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

The Honorable Mark Green
Administrator
U.S. Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Secretary Pompeo and Administrator Green:

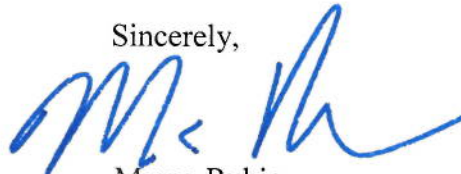
As you are well aware, the Bahamas have been devastated by Hurricane Dorian, a Category 5 storm that has destroyed much of the northern islands and left many residents stranded. The South Florida community is deeply concerned for Bahamian citizens impacted and is ready to assist in relief efforts. Realizing the Bahamian Government will require the assistance of the United States, I strongly urge you to ensure all possible resources are made available to secure the safety and protection of Bahamian citizens and to assist in post-recovery relief efforts.

It is my understanding that the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance representatives are on the ground meeting with Bahamian officials to assess the damage. In order to effectively assist with efforts, I respectfully request the Department of State to provide an assessment of all humanitarian assistance readily available for the Bahamas under current accounts, and of whether you anticipate additional funds will be needed for disaster relief.

The United States remains the most generous country in the world, and our communities repeatedly come together to support those in need. This reflects the spirit of the American people. As the Bahamas begin the difficult process of recovering and rebuilding, the United States should be there to assist our neighbors.

I look forward to your response, and stand ready to assist with additional support.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator