

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 27, 2019

Mr. Peter T. Gaynor  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Acting Administrator Gaynor:

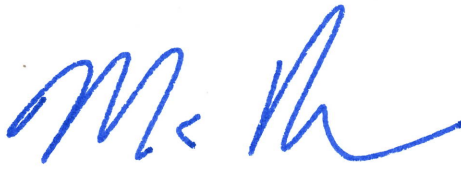
We write in support of the State of Florida's request for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to extend the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program for an additional 90 days for all Florida counties designated for direct housing in response to Hurricane Michael. TSA is currently set to expire on April 9, 2019. An extension of 90 days will be crucial for the state to continue to execute a long-term housing recovery strategy, as hundreds of victims remain in need of assistance under the TSA program due to the magnitude of this storm.

Approximately five months ago, Hurricane Michael struck Florida's Panhandle, severely damaging homes and leaving displaced disaster victims with uninhabitable living conditions and little to no available housing options. According to the state, 1,110 individuals representing 368 households are still utilizing the TSA program. The state's request for an extension will assist survivors who are still seeking to find long-term housing options in their communities, and allow the state to continue to implement a long-term reconstruction plan for affected areas.

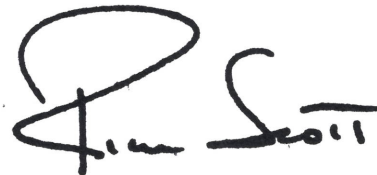
We thank the agency for its prompt actions in previously approving TSA last October for Floridians suffering from the impacts of Hurricane Michael. As housing options are still limited in Florida's Panhandle, it is critical that the federal government continue to support efforts by the state to provide survivors with needed options.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio  
U.S. Senator



Rick Scott  
U.S. Senator