

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 3, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

Thank you for expeditiously responding to New York Governor Hochul's request for an Emergency Declaration for the State of New York and activating FEMA emergency protective measures for the counties of Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester. As you know, Governor Hochul is taking the necessary steps to make an anticipated request for a major disaster declaration, and as Members of Congress representing communities severely impacted by the record breaking flooding and rain fall, we fully support her efforts and we urge you to expedite approval of additional FEMA resources as soon as possible.

The remnants of Tropical Depression Ida are far reaching and continue to be uncovered as we learn of more lives tragically lost due to the brutal flooding. During this hardship, New Yorkers continue to uncover immense damage to their personal and business property. New York State has deployed substantial resources for necessary infrastructure repairs as a number of state roads remain flooded, utilities remain shutoff, and public transportation services are suspended throughout the region.

Additionally, our state and local governments continue to face the economic and public health challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and the surge in Delta variant cases. The significant damage caused by Ida presents a threat to New York's economic recovery, and COVID-19 response as individuals are displaced from their homes.

As New York State moves through the preliminary disaster assessment process, we respectfully urge that you activate the broadest number of federal resources to support our constituents in the aftermath of Ida. We look forward to working together to address this crisis.

Sincerely,



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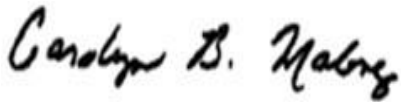
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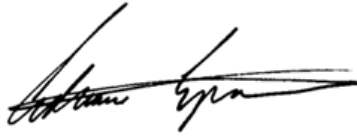


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