

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 28, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
S-230, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
S-221, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer:

We write today to urge swift consideration and passage of a comprehensive and bipartisan disaster supplemental appropriations measure. Last year, our communities were devastated by natural disasters. Assistance from the federal government has been essential in helping our citizens recover. However, there is much work that still needs to be done. We are concerned that state and local governments have not received sufficient funds from the federal government to repair the damages of last year's natural disasters and enable our communities to invest in defenses against future catastrophic events.

Congress has a responsibility to help Americans suffering from the consequences of natural disasters. Currently the burden of recovering from last year's hurricanes, typhoons, wildfires, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions is falling disproportionately on governments in our home states, cities, and counties. Vital industries, such as agriculture, have been repeatedly devastated by natural disasters in recent years and are at risk of financial collapse. These communities have already suffered enough due to Congress's inability to address their needs in a timely manner.

We ask you to immediately bring a supplemental appropriations measure to the floor to provide appropriate funding for communities still grappling with the consequences of last year's natural disasters. This measure should be considered, and a vote scheduled, at the earliest possible opportunity.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

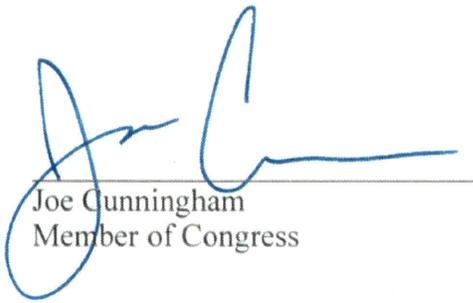
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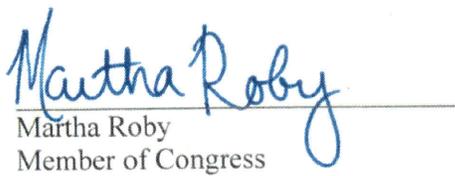
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