

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2017

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
H-204, United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
H-107, United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Minority Whip
1705 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-305, United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader Pelosi, Minority Whip Hoyer, Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Lowey:

Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida recently after developing into one of the most powerful Atlantic storms in recorded history. As Members of the Florida Congressional delegation, we strongly encourage you to visit our state and join us in assessing the extent of the damage. While Floridians are coming together to begin the recovery process, we will need assistance from the federal government in the coming weeks and months to help rebuild our communities in the aftermath of this devastating storm. Florida is home to over 20 million residents, all of whom must know that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will have the resources necessary to assist and respond effectively.

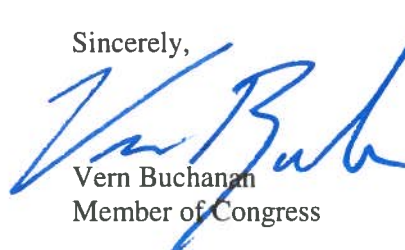
We commend last week's passage of supplemental emergency funding to assist FEMA with its recovery efforts to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. However, the destruction caused by Irma throughout Florida means that Congress must again act swiftly to ensure the availability of additional funding needed for recovery efforts.

As Floridians, we are already doing our part to recover from the destruction caused by Hurricane Irma. We hope you will join us in Florida to bear witness to our resolve, and return to Washington with a renewed commitment to act quickly to provide the assistance that our families desperately require. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress



Vern Buchanan
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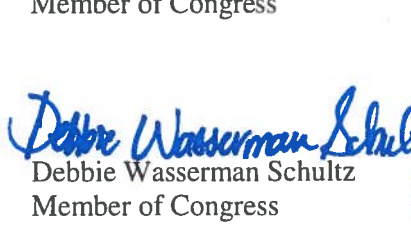
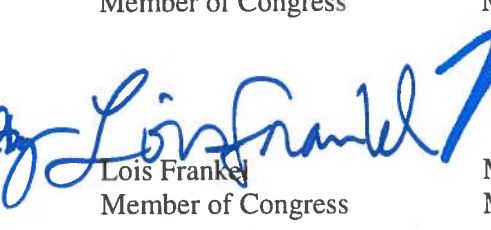
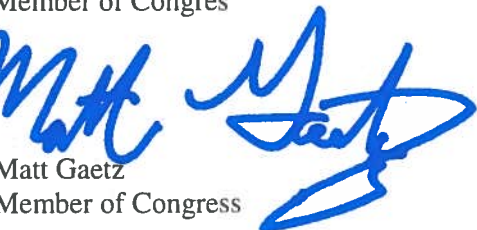
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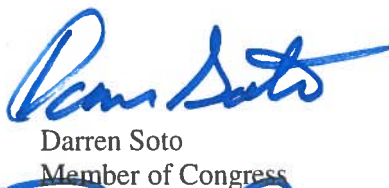
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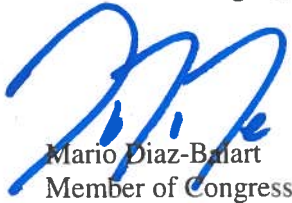
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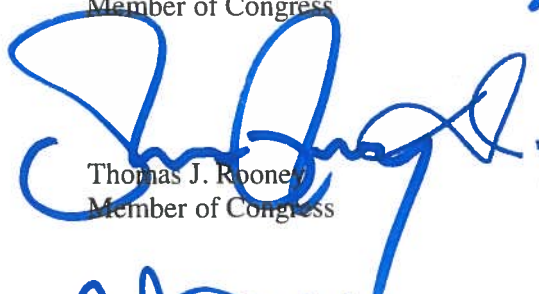
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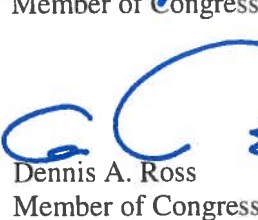
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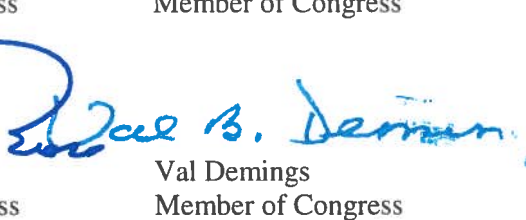
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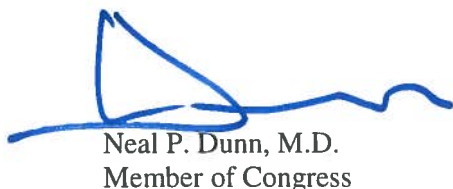


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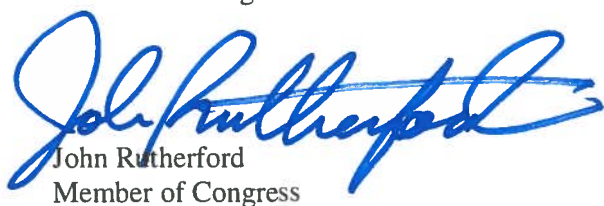


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