

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1803

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The Honorable Joseph Biden
President of the United States
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President Biden,

August 27, 2021, will mark one year since Hurricane Laura devastated Southwest Louisiana, which was followed by three other federally declared natural disasters. To date, calls from Louisiana's Governor, congressional delegation, and local elected officials for supplemental disaster relief have gone unanswered.

As we rapidly approach the one-year mark, I am once again asking you to support long-term recovery resources for Louisiana and issue a formal request to Congress for supplemental disaster relief. Southwest Louisiana faces extreme recovery needs that would be best addressed with such a package. The Louisiana congressional delegation is united behind this effort and stands ready to work with you to deliver needed disaster relief.

With the start of a new hurricane season, Southwest Louisiana faces further uncertainty as the recovery efforts and needs from the previous year persist. We must work to alleviate those concerns and take swift action on additional recovery resources. My office is proactively notifying afflicted parishes and local governments of mitigation grant program opportunities to strengthen and increase the resiliency of disaster-prone communities. Areas affected by Hurricanes Laura and Delta that apply for these funding opportunities should be prioritized by your administration for expedited review and approval.

I again urge you to support a supplemental disaster relief package, as well as to direct your administration to prioritize grant applications for areas affected by Hurricanes Laura and Delta.

Respectfully,



Clay Higgins
Member of Congress