

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

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
West Wing
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20502

Dear President Trump:

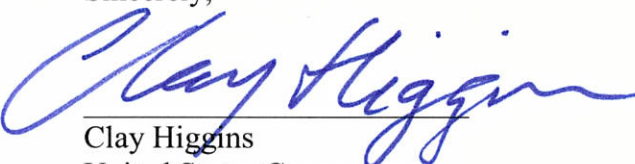
I am writing to you to request that the Federal Government expedite its disaster declaration for Calcasieu and Cameron Parish in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

As you know, Hurricane Harvey recently devastated Texas and parts of Southwest Louisiana. While a disaster declaration has been made counties in Texas, the parishes that were affected in Louisiana are still awaiting word on whether such a declaration will be made, specifically for the parishes of Calcasieu and Cameron. The Governor of the State of Louisiana, Jon Bel Edwards, has already sent a letter to your office formally beginning the disaster declaration process, dated August 27, 2017.

While the damage in Louisiana is not of the same magnitude as what occurred in Texas, the western portion of Louisiana's Gulf coast was still hit hard by Harvey and federal assistance is warranted. The adverse effects of the storm have only compounded the damage caused by flooding in Louisiana in 2016, from which many of the families affected by Harvey are still trying to recover.

To help alleviate the severe hardship that many families in Southwest Louisiana are facing, I humbly request an expedited declaration of disaster for the parishes of Calcasieu and Cameron. As representatives of the federal government we must do all we can to assist affected Americans in their time of need.

Sincerely,



Clay Higgins
United States Congressman