

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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Washington, DC 20500

President Biden,

Today, August 27, 2021, marks the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Laura's landfall in Southwest Louisiana. Hurricane Laura caused widespread devastation throughout Louisiana, and was soon followed by three additional federally declared natural disasters. As we reach this somber milestone, repeated calls from Louisiana's Governor, congressional delegation, and local elected officials for supplemental disaster relief have gone unanswered by your administration.

Once again, I ask you to issue a formal request to Congress for supplemental disaster relief and use your executive authority to streamline access to existing resources. Southwest Louisiana continues to face 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 long overdue disaster relief for Southwest Louisiana.

My office has stressed the importance of this matter repeatedly, in direct communications with your office and publicly on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. In the last year, we have seen Democratic leadership put forth trillions of dollars in new spending on every imaginable federal program. However, we have seen no effort from Democratic leadership to move forward on much-needed supplemental disaster funding. This discrepancy is baffling.

I again urge you to support a supplemental disaster relief package for Southwest Louisiana. We must provide the thousands of severely impacted Americans in Southwest Louisiana with a proper federal response. I look forward to working with you to accomplish this mission.

Respectfully,



Clay Higgins
Member of Congress