

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

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Deanne Criswell  
FEMA Administrator  
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Washington, D.C. 20024

Administrator Criswell,

With the passing of the 1-year anniversary of Hurricane Laura and new challenges facing the State of Louisiana after Hurricane Ida, I respectfully request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) address the lingering inspections, reviews, approvals, and disbursement of funds tied to Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Specifically, I ask that the Public Assistance (PA) reimbursement applications submitted by Cameron Parish are prioritized for review and disbursement.

As of September 2021, the situation in Cameron Parish is as follows:

- Total estimated damage costs – \$52,567,049.34
- Amount received to date – \$1,210,295.87
- Site inspections completed by FEMA – 20

To date, communities across Southwest Louisiana still await desperately needed disaster funding from FEMA to address unmet financial needs to continue recovery. FEMA should quickly review and approve PA applications from Hurricanes Laura and Delta. While recovery in the region will take years, that process cannot start until sites are inspected and evaluated. Further delays to the start of this process will require serious oversight and investigation by Congress.

I again urge you to address the lingering PA reimbursements and inspections for Cameron Parish. A year and several additional storms later, expediting access to existing resources should be FEMA's primary objective for victims of the 2020 Hurricane Season.

Respectfully,



Clay Higgins  
Member of Congress