

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, DC 20500

President Biden,

We write in support of Governor Jeff Landry's request for an expedited major disaster declaration in response to Hurricane Francine, which made landfall in Louisiana on September 11, 2024.

As you know, Hurricane Francine formed as a Tropical Storm in the Gulf of Mexico on September 9, 2024, before intensifying and making landfall as a Category 2 hurricane. The storm brought heavy rainfall, a life-threatening storm surge, and sustained winds of 100 mph. Hurricane Francine continued north, bringing heavy winds and rain to communities across the state. It has caused widespread damage that necessitates assistance from the federal government.

Specifically, Governor Landry has requested Individual and Public Assistance for the following parishes: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, and West Baton Rouge. Additionally, Governor Landry has requested statewide assistance for Hazard Mitigation, and a 100% federal cost share for Categories A and B for 30 days.

We ask for your swift consideration and approval of an expedited major disaster declaration for the State of Louisiana. These resources are necessary as we begin the recovery process.

Respectfully,



Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House



Steve Scalise
House Majority Leader



Bill Cassidy, M.D.
United States Senator



John Kennedy
United States Senator



Garret Graves
Member of Congress



Clay Higgins
Member of Congress



Julia Letlow
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