

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Charles Schumer
U.S. Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senate Minority Leader

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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
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The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Chair Murray, and Vice Chair Collins:

We write as Members representing disaster-impacted states to request additional disaster relief funding. Now that Congress has addressed urgent foreign aid funding needs, we believe it is time to turn to the nation's domestic disaster recovery requirements. The Administration first requested supplemental funding to help address disaster recovery last October, and now those resources are long overdue. Across all of our communities, the federal government has a role to play in supporting families to find housing and return to normalcy, small businesses in getting back to work, and state and local governments in providing resources and leadership that our constituents need.

Our states rely on many programs across the federal government to recover and rebuild from disasters. The needs listed below are urgent and many have been pressing for months. We must act to provide resources for the below programs—

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

U.S. Department of Agriculture

- Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund
- Office of the Secretary for Processing, Research, and Marketing for the Emergency Relief Program
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Emergency Watershed Protection Program

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Economic Development Administration

- Economic Adjustment Assistance

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

- Fishery Disaster Assistance

Financial Services and General Government

Small Business Administration

- Disaster Loans Program

Homeland Security

Federal Emergency Management Agency

- Disaster Relief Fund

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Environmental Protection Agency

- Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund

National Park Service

- Disaster Recovery Grants

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies

Health Resources and Services Administration

- Health Centers
- School Emergency Response to Violence Program (Project SERV)
- Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations Program (RESTART)

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery

U.S. Department of Transportation

- Federal Highway Administration, including language guaranteeing a 100% cost share for cleanup and rebuilding following the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Maryland
- Federal Aviation Administration

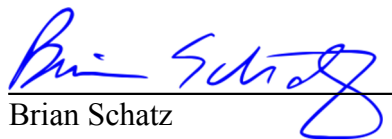
State, Foreign Ops, and Related Programs


Department of State


- International Boundary and Water Commission


We look forward to Congress's urgent attention to these needs and to working with you to deliver these resources.

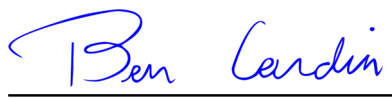
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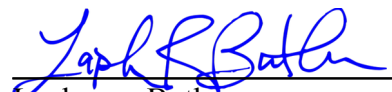

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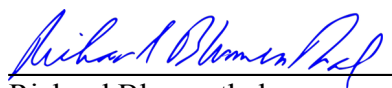

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