

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

April 3, 2023

The Honorable Joe Biden
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

Last week marked six months since Hurricane Ian made landfall in Southwest Florida, devastating so many communities, families and businesses throughout the state. With assistance from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Small Business Administration (SBA) and countless organizations, in concert with state and local officials, Floridians have worked incredibly hard to recover over the past six months, but there's so much more work to do.

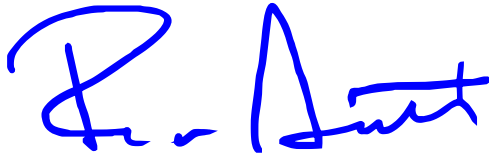
As families in Florida and Puerto Rico keep working to fully rebuild their lives, homes and communities, Congress must take the same important action it has after previous storms to provide tax relief for families in impacted areas. The last thing families should have to worry about as they recover from devastating storms like Ian, Nicole and Fiona is a big tax bill. Earlier this month, we introduced legislation, the [*Hurricane Tax Relief Act*](#), which would provide disaster-loss tax relief to families in 51 Florida counties and Puerto Rico impacted by Hurricanes Ian, Nicole and Fiona by designating Hurricanes Ian, Nicole and Fiona qualified disasters for purposes of enhanced disaster casualty loss tax relief. It also modifies the deduction for personal casualty losses in the hurricane disaster areas.

Past Congresses and administrations have supported such relief for hurricanes Irma, Wilma, Dorian, and Michael, among others, in a bipartisan manner with overwhelming support, and now must do the same for those impacted by Hurricanes Ian, Nicole, and Fiona. This can and should be done as soon as possible and without controversy, as it has been done many times before.

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We strongly urge you to issue a statement in support of this legislation. This critical bill will provide relief to the hardworking families who have been impacted by these devastating storms.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



Representative Byron Donalds
Member of Congress



Marco Rubio
United States Senator



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The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the House