

**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0908

October 28, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of the Seminole Tribe of Florida's request for an expedited Major Disaster Declaration related to the devastating impacts of major Hurricane Milton, which made landfall in Florida on October 9, 2024.

As detailed in the request submitted by Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola, Jr., Hurricane Milton impacted all Seminole Tribal lands in the state, with the most severe damage caused to the Tampa, Brighton, Big Cypress, and Immokalee Seminole Indian Reservations, as well as the Lakeland and Fort Pierce trust parcels. Ensuring the Tribe has access to the federal resources needed for its ongoing response and recovery efforts is imperative to protecting members of the tribe, their communities and property. As such, we urge you to promptly approve the Seminole Tribe of Florida's request for an expedited Major Disaster Declaration.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott  
United States Senator



Marco Rubio  
United States Senator