

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 10, 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 a federal emergency declaration in advance of Tropical Storm Francine.

In anticipation of landfall as a potential Category 2 hurricane, Governor Landry has requested emergency protective measures (Category B) and direct federal assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The expected impact of this storm requires federal assistance to supplement the state and local government response.

The National Weather Service anticipates Hurricane Francine to bring high winds, heavy rainfall, and life-threatening storm surge to Louisiana. On September 9, 2024, Governor Landry declared a statewide emergency and directed the execution of the State's Emergency Operations Plan. The State of Louisiana has further determined this storm is of such magnitude that federal assistance is needed to protect our communities.

We urge you to quickly review and approve the emergency declaration request and coordinate federal assistance. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,



Clay Higgins
Member of Congress



Steve Scalise
House Majority Leader



Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House



Bill Cassidy, M.D.
United States Senator



John Kennedy
United States Senator



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