

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 2, 2019

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to express support for Governor Abbott's request for a major disaster declaration on behalf of Texas counties impacted by severe storms and flooding beginning on September 17, 2019, and continued through September 27, 2019. The recent storms impacted an area that has yet to recover from Hurricane Harvey, which struck over two years ago, and was also hit during flooding in May of this year. Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster for six Texas counties in response to the most recent storms as they await word on their request for a major disaster declaration for other counties affected.

Houston, known as the Bayou City, has invested billions of local, state and federal dollars into resilient infrastructure and flood-ready communities. However, Tropical Storm Imelda dropped almost three feet of rain on the greater Houston area, the largest amount since Harvey and the second major flooding event this year. Because of the storm's nature and the magnitude of the resulting damage, the continued response and long-term recovery from this round of storms will require federal assistance.

As a result, the Governor has requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Harris, Chambers, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery and Orange counties. The request is for Individual Assistance, Direct Federal Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation Statewide.

We respectfully request your quick consideration and approval of the Governor's initial request and any subsequent requests related to this disaster.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Lizzie Fletcher  
Member of Congress



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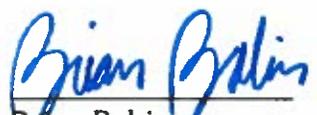
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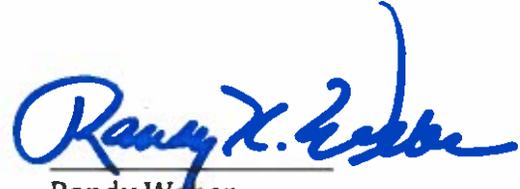
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