

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

October 26, 2018

The Honorable Brock Long
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Administrator Long:

It has been more than two weeks since Hurricane Michael made landfall in North Florida, and many are still struggling to repair and rebuild their lives. Schools in the most heavily impacted areas remain closed, and people are still working to find alternative housing solutions due to their homes being uninhabitable. The magnitude of this storm requires the use of all available resources from FEMA to ensure recovery. As such, we ask that you quickly approve the State of Florida's request for direct housing assistance in the affected areas.

Hurricane Michael caused catastrophic damage across the Panhandle of Florida. The requested resources, which includes recreational vehicles, mobile homes, direct lease, multifamily lease and repair, and group sites, must be deployed immediately in order to reduce suffering and allow displaced individuals to recover from the storm. Effective housing alternatives are critical in the Panhandle's recovery effort, and the swift approval of Florida's request will ensure that needed housing resources are deployed. Northwest Florida suffered catastrophic damage to its housing stock, and those Floridians will need every available federal resource to aid in their recovery.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Bill Nelson
United States Senator



Marco Rubio
United States Senator



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