

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

July 9, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

We appreciate your call today to Acting Governor Dan Patrick and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo in order to help better understand the pressing needs of communities and critical infrastructure.

We are writing in support of federal disaster emergency assistance in the form of a emergency disaster declaration, due to the destruction caused by Hurricane Beryl, which made landfall in Texas unexpectedly hitting along the upper Texas Coast in the early morning of Monday, June 8, 2024.

The severity and magnitude of the storms and the lack of preparedness among residents limited the capacity of the state and affected local governments to effectively respond to the disaster. Thus, it is important to convey that supplemental federal assistance is necessary to alleviate the damage and loss resulting from the severe storms and flooding, and to save lives and protect property, public health, and safety.

The total impact of these storms is still being determined, yet we know at this time that damaging winds swept through the state, causing an estimated eight fatalities in Texas, leaving 2.5 million people without power, 100+ cellular sites non-operational, 2 hospitals closed with 131 patients evacuated, road closures throughout the affected area and the Victoria, Houston, Galveston, Freeport, and Texas City ports have closed.

Houston's Congressional Delegation is ready to assist in your response to this disaster. We thank you for the support you and your Administration has already provided.

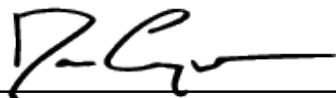
Sincerely,



Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



Dan Crenshaw
Member of Congress



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