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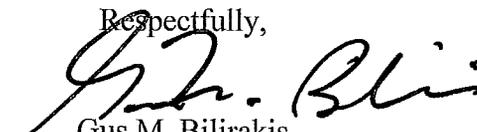
Craig Fugate, Administrator
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Dear Director Fugate:

As we have previously discussed, the Tampa Bay area has been hit hard by extreme flooding in recent weeks. Today, Governor Scott officially requested a federal disaster declaration for several Florida counties, including: Pasco, Pinellas Hillsborough. Many residents of my Congressional district are suffering extreme hardship as they have been forced to endure an extended period of time with water in their homes, impassable roads in their communities and limited access to essential services. While local officials are doing their best to respond to their immediate needs, the fact remains that the need exceeds the capacity of local and state emergency management systems. Time is of the essence and FEMA assistance is imperative for the individuals and community to fully recover from this natural disaster. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate the agency's expeditious consideration and support of the state's application for individual assistance.

Thank you in advance for your support during this difficult time. It is crucial that leaders at the federal, state and local levels work together to prioritize the needs of our mutual constituents. Please let me know if you need additional information and as always, thank you for your continued service.

Respectfully,


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Member of Congress