

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

We write today regarding Hurricane Beryl, which began impacting the State of Texas on July 7th. The consequences of this storm are severe, and Acting Governor Dan Patrick has declared a state disaster in at least 121 counties due to extreme winds and heavy rainfall, resulting in over 2.7 million Texans without power at the peak of the storm.

The Governor and local officials determined that the severity and scale of the storm surpasses the response capabilities of both state and local governments. Additional federal assistance is necessary to safeguard lives, protect property, and ensure public health and safety. Prolonged displacement due to damaged homes, businesses, and essential infrastructure compounds the challenges affected Texans face.

We appreciate your swift approval of Governor Patrick's request for a federal disaster declaration for the impacted areas of Texas, and we urge you to continue providing any and all resources available from the federal government. We stand ready to work with FEMA and other relevant agencies to facilitate quick evaluation and deployment of necessary resources for a full recovery.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



TED CRUZ
United States Senator



JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator



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cc: FEMA Administrator, Deanne Criswell