

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 5, 2020

The Office of the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of the request of Governor Ned Lamont to issue a declaration of emergency under the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. sections 5121-5207; 44 C.F.R. section 206.35) for all Connecticut counties and the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Tribal Nations.

On August 4, 2020, Tropical Storm Isaias tore through our state, leaving nearly a quarter of our state's population without power. Cell and internet service have been interrupted and many critical health institutions and public utilities are operating on generators. Our two utilities are projecting it may take a week or more for full restoration.

Connecticut cities and towns are clearing roads made impassable by falling trees and power lines. Their transfer stations and landfills will be inundated with debris from their residents. As a result, there will be substantial costs to recover from the impact of Tropical Storm Isaias.

Therefore, we support Governor Lamont's request for direct federal assistance to aid in the emergency procurement of resources and activation of Categories A and B Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Measures under the FEMA Public Assistance Program.

Sincerely,



RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
United States Senate

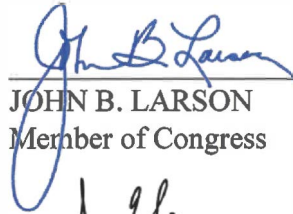


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