

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

June 17, 2019

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

In the wake of recent devastating weather events and record flooding across the State of Mississippi, we request your full consideration of Governor Phil Bryant's request for a Major Disaster Declaration under the Stafford Act.

We appreciate the continued efforts of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and anticipate expeditious assistance from the agency in assisting state and local officials in Mississippi as they continue their hard work to estimate the severity of damages across our state from severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, and tornadoes.

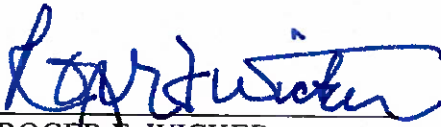
As Governor Bryant indicated in his request, the Joint Public Assistance damage assessments conducted by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), FEMA, and other agencies showed at least 25,923 power outages, 389 lost or damaged homes, 45 affected businesses, 64 destroyed or damaged roads, four (4) compromised bridges, four (4) non-profit utilities, twenty-one (21) injuries, and one fatality from these events.

On April 14, 2019, Governor Bryant declared a State of Emergency in Mississippi to begin rebuilding. However, resources from the state government, local governments, and volunteer organizations are not adequate to recover from these damages. Significant federal assistance and cooperation are required.


We are determined to help Mississippi recover by supporting the local communities, the State of Mississippi, and federal agencies as we continue to work to rebuild and renew communities affected by these major weather events.


Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need further assistance in this effort.


Sincerely,



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United States Senator


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