

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

September 20, 2022

The Honorable Deanne Criswell
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Criswell:

We write to urge your swift response to the devastating impacts caused by Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico, and ask that you make the island's full recovery from this storm a top priority.

At a time when Puerto Rico is still recovering from the widespread destruction caused by Hurricane Maria, which completely devastated the island just five years ago, Hurricane Fiona's heavy rains produced catastrophic flooding, widespread power outages, and other life-threatening impacts to the island's critical infrastructure. With the President's approval of the Emergency Disaster Declaration, and expected Major Disaster Declaration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is now authorized to provide federal resources to support and coordinate the island's response. With many of the severe consequences of this storm still unfolding, we write in support of an immediate assessment of the situation and deployment of FEMA resources, personnel, and supplies. This will alleviate unnecessary delays in facilitating the recovery efforts as access to critical resources begin to dwindle.

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Time is of the essence and we ask for your full attention to prioritizing the recovery of Puerto Rico, and its millions of residents, in the aftermath of this storm. We remain committed to working with you on these matters and offering our assistance in supporting a speedy recovery to our fellow citizens on the island.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott
United States Senator



Marco Rubio
United States Senator



Jennifer González-Colón
Resident Commissioner