

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We request your expeditious review of Hawai'i Governor David Ige's request for a Presidential disaster declaration for areas impacted by flooding on Kaua'i and O'ahu on April 13th and 14th. A copy of the Governor's request is enclosed for your reference.

Historic precipitation on these islands—more than 32 inches in 48 hours in the hardest hit region of northern Kaua'i, and approximately five inches of rainfall in one hour in one of the hard-hit regions of O'ahu—caused extreme flooding. Hundreds of homes, along with local businesses and public infrastructure have suffered terrible impacts from the flooding. It is clear from preliminary assessments that recovery will overwhelm State and County resources. These communities will need help from the Federal government to recover.

Based on the severity of the damage, Governor Ige has requested that you issue a Presidential disaster declaration to allow residents and State and County officials to apply for the Federal Emergency Management Administration's Individual Assistance and Public Assistance programs, and any other Federal assistance available. Within existing rules and regulations, we urgently request your speedy action to approve his request, and issue a Presidential declaration.

Sincerely,



BRIAN SCHATZ
United States Senator



MAZIE K. HIRONO
United States Senator



COLLEEN HANABUSA
Member of Congress



TULSI GABBARD
Member of Congress