

## United States Senate

April 20, 2018

The Hon. William B. "Brock" Long  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Long:

I would like to commend Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX and the FEMA Pacific Area Office for their support during the intense rainfall and flooding on Kauai and Oahu. Their support has been critical for the response to date, but please know that far more will be needed in the weeks and months ahead. I am requesting your help to expedite any requests from the State of Hawaii for disaster assistance for communities impacted by flooding on Kauai and Oahu.

Last weekend, April 13th and 14th, historic precipitation descended on the islands of Kauai and Oahu and caused extreme flooding. More heavy rain is forecasted for April 19th and 20th, which is likely to cause further flooding. The severe flooding has damaged homes, private property, and public infrastructure, and shut down businesses. As local emergency management agencies continue to assess the damage, I ask that you continue to work closely with the State of Hawaii and be as flexible as possible when the State submits a request for disaster assistance for the communities impacted by the flooding.

As residents prepare for more storms and costs continue to grow for homeowners, businesses, and counties, federal assistance from FEMA will be vital in ensuring that communities are able to rebuild homes, repair infrastructure, and clean up debris. I hope that FEMA's assistance will also help residents and communities to build stronger resilience for severe weather events in the future.

Thank you again for all the assistance FEMA has already provided, but please stand ready to support further requests from the State.

Sincerely,



BRIAN SCHATZ  
United States Senator