

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Request for individual declaration of Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, and Seminole Counties

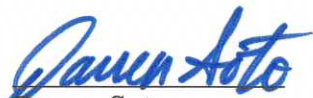
Dear Mr. President,

We write to urge that Lake County, Orange County, Osceola County, Polk County, and Seminole County Florida be included for individual assistance in the major disaster declaration that was approved for Hurricane Irma. As you are aware, many of the original projections for the hurricane had landfall occurring on or close to Hillsborough County. Given that the eye of the storm turned more eastern than expected and crossed over Central Florida, these counties experienced several hours of hurricane force winds, and should receive prompt consideration and approval for individual assistance. Such approval will permit the people of Lake County, Orange County, Osceola County, Polk County, and Seminole County Florida to begin making a quick and full recovery from this destructive storm.

While we are gathering data and photographic evidence of the individual damage to Central Florida homes, we believe the harsh impact to our area can be reflected by the power outage numbers which are astounding. Over 53% of customers in these five counties have no power - over 764,000 homes.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, and we look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,



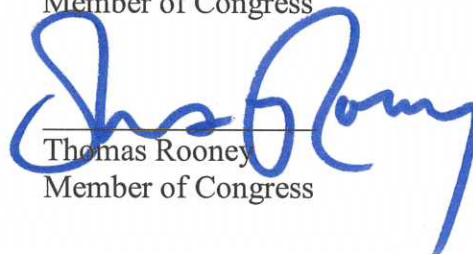
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Member of Congress



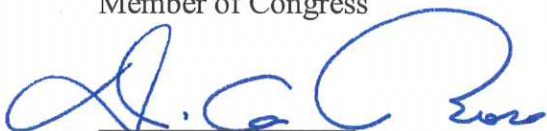
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