

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 5, 2016

The Honorable W. Craig Fugate
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Fugate,

As United States Senators from North Carolina, we support Governor Pat McCrory's request for an Emergency Declaration under Section 501(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act. On October 3, 2016, the State declared a state of emergency in 66 North Carolina counties including, Alamance, Anson, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden-Pasquotank, Carteret, Caswell, Chatham, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Martin, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Sampson, Scotland, Stokes, Surry, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilson and Yadkin. We urge you to approve this request as soon as possible to assist the state and these counties as they prepare for the approach of Hurricane Matthew as soon as possible.

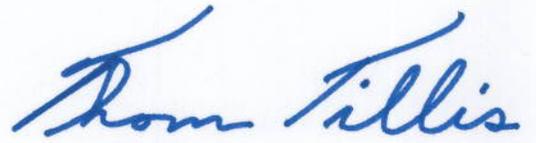
Over the last month the state has faced a strain on its resources due to the Colonial Pipeline leak, protests in Charlotte, and flooding across central and northeastern North Carolina. Many communities are only now beginning to assess the damage and begin the recovery efforts associated with the recent flooding. Hurricane Matthew poses an imminent threat to the State of North Carolina, and its approach necessitates the state once again activate the State Emergency Response Team and numerous other state resources.

We would also like to commend your agency for establishing an Incident Support Base at Ft. Bragg to pre-position federal resources ahead of the storm. An emergency declaration will provide the needed assistance to the State and local communities to allow them to properly prepare for the effects of Hurricane Matthew. We respectfully request that you make the requested declaration to enable North Carolina to prepare for the potential disaster, consistent with the intended purposes of Federal Emergency Management Agency and the federal Stafford Act.

Sincerely,



Richard Burr
United States Senator



Thom Tillis
United States Senator