

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 24, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President,

We write in strong support of Governor Kay Ivey's request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Alabama following Hurricane Isaias, and we respectfully urge you to approve it without delay. Thank you for your swift approval of an emergency declaration for Alabama as the storm approached. That early action made a real difference for our people, and your continued partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency remains critical as our communities begin to rebuild.

On October 9, 2026, Hurricane Isaias made landfall as a Category 2 storm with sustained winds of 105 miles per hour. Its track shifted east into Alabama overnight, bringing damaging winds, heavy rain, and the threat of tornadoes across the southern half of our state. Two Alabamians lost their lives, hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses lost power, and families woke to damaged homes, downed trees, and roads and public infrastructure in need of repair.

Governor Ivey's request seeks a major disaster declaration to help local governments and eligible nonprofits cover storm-related costs, as well as Individual Assistance for affected households. Individual Assistance ensures individuals and households that are uninsured or underinsured are able meet immediate needs, secure safe housing, and cover essential losses after suffering serious damages from the storm. The request currently includes 23 counties: Baldwin, Barbour, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Pike, Sumter, Washington, and Wilcox.

Alabamians have met this storm the way they always do, by showing up for one another. We are deeply grateful to our first responders, law enforcement officers, linemen, emergency management officials, volunteers, and churches who have worked around the clock to support our communities. Even so, the Governor and local officials have determined that the scale of this damage exceeds what state and local governments can address on their own. A swift evaluation and approval of Governor Ivey's request for a federal major disaster declaration is essential to helping these families and communities get back on their feet.

Thank you for your attention to this request and for your steadfast commitment to the people of Alabama. Our delegation stands ready to work with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need further assistance from our offices.

Sincerely,



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United State Senator



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