

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3201

August 27, 2024

Ms. Deanne Criswell
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Administrator Criswell,

I write today to express my sincere gratitude for FEMA's prompt and appropriate response in authorizing emergency measures under Title V of the Stafford Act, following the severe weather event that impacted Long Island on August 18th. Your swift action in providing the necessary assistance to save lives, protect property, and ensure public health and safety has been crucial in ongoing efforts to address the devastating effects of the storm, particularly in Suffolk County.

The authorization of these emergency measures will lessen the threat of further catastrophe in the designated areas while the affected communities have begun the challenging process of recovery. Initial building damage assessments have already identified more than 70 structures that sustained major damage or were completely destroyed. This underscores the severity of the situation and the profound impact on the lives of those affected. As the full extent of the damage becomes clear, it is evident that many of my constituents are in need of further assistance to rebuild their homes and lives.

With this in mind, I respectfully request that FEMA extend its support to include Individual Assistance for the victims of this storm. The destruction has left many residents facing significant personal and financial hardships, and additional federal resources are essential to aid in their recovery.

I am confident that FEMA's continued involvement will be instrumental in helping our communities overcome the challenges posed by this disaster. I look forward to collaborating closely with you and your team to ensure that all necessary support is provided to the residents of Suffolk County and Long Island.

Thank you once again for your dedication and service during this critical time.

Sincerely,



Nick LaLota
Member of Congress

Cc: Governor Kathy Hochul