

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

January 9, 2024

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

I write to request the State of New York immediately request a Major Disaster Declaration under the Stafford Act.

Flooding and high winds are expected to occur across Long Island tonight and tomorrow. A federal disaster declaration will assist communities that are working to recover. Winter Storm Finn is expected to cause significant damage in our communities, and we ask that you immediately request federal government disaster assistance from FEMA and President Biden.

On Long Island, Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine and Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman issued states of emergency for Winter Storm Finn. Further, high winds and flooding will significantly affect transit and close bridges and intersections.

New Yorkers are incredibly resilient and we will always be there to help our neighbors recover, however, this historic storm will continue to impact the state for some time, and the full extent of the damage will not be known for days. Requesting this declaration will allow New Yorkers to be better prepared for the recovery phase.

As such, I urge you to request a Major Disaster Declaration, which will provide the assistance necessary for our constituents to recover. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Nick LaLota
Member of Congress



Andrew R. Garbarino
Member of Congress



Anthony D'Esposito
Member of Congress