

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 22, 2019

Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our support for Governor John Bel Edwards's request for a federal emergency declaration for the State of Louisiana effective April 24th, 2019. Your assistance is needed to help the people of Louisiana during this difficult time.

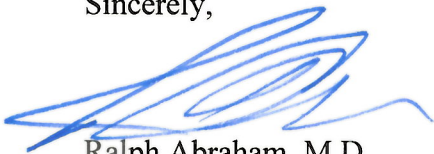
A series of tornadoes struck our state between April 24th and 27th, tragically claiming two lives and causing significant damage to Louisiana Tech University, the city of Ruston, and Lincoln, Union, and Morehouse Parishes. The National Weather Service concluded that at least nine confirmed tornadoes touched down, including one rated EF-3, two rated EF-2, and six rated EF-1. The affected communities have heroically come together with the help of the Louisiana National Guard, churches, charities, and fellow neighbors to clean up debris, repair damages, and aid those in distress.

The people of Louisiana are resilient; however, preliminary damage assessments performed by FEMA, the SBA, and the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) indicated that there are sufficient damages and expenditures to warrant a Public Assistance federal disaster declaration for Lincoln, Morehouse, and Union Parishes.

We would also urge you to include Individual Assistance in the federal declaration. It is our understanding that the preliminary damage assessments indicate a border line qualification for Individual Assistance in these parishes. Please keep in mind that the residents of these parishes are still recovering from the 2016 flooding and storm damage included in the federal declaration DR-4263.

Thank you for your continued support for Louisiana. We look forward to working with you to help the residents of these damaged areas in their time of need, and eagerly await your response.

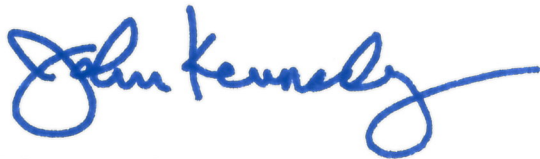
Sincerely,



Ralph Abraham, M.D.
U.S. Representative



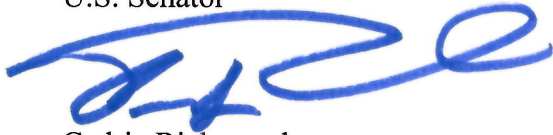
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