

# United States Senate

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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

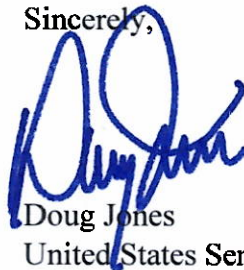
Dear Mr. President:

I write to thank you for the support you have provided the citizens of the State of Alabama in their efforts to recover from damage caused by Hurricane Michael in October. The people of Alabama are grateful for the Public Assistance grants approved in the Major Disaster Declaration dated November 5, 2018, but more relief is clearly needed. I am aware that a determination as to the availability of Individual Assistance (IA) grants is still under review, and I urge you to approve IA grants as soon as possible. The effects of Hurricane Michael have been devastating to our state, and without individual federal assistance, many areas may never fully recover.

The supplemental materials submitted by Brian Hastings, Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, on November 5, 2018, show that adjacent counties in the States of Georgia and Florida experienced similar impacts and have already been approved for IA grants. The people and the State of Alabama are resilient, but as in Georgia and Florida, the recovery efforts in this case require resources beyond their reserves.

Thank you very much for your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Doug Jones  
United States Senator

CC: Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Department of Homeland Security  
Administrator Brock Long, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Ms. Gracia Szczech, Regional Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Col. Brian Hastings, Director, Alabama Emergency Management Agency