

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi,

As Members representing states impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, we thank you for all your assistance in helping our regions recover from these devastating hurricanes. While states continue to calculate the agriculture losses and share that information with their congressional delegations, we respectfully request consideration of disaster assistance appropriations for agriculture producers.

Hurricanes Florence and Michael caused extensive damage across the Southeastern United States, including significant losses in agriculture production. For many communities in the Southeast, agriculture is the driving force of the local economy. Losses from these storms were particularly painful as the storms arrived late in the growing season after extensive investment into this year's crop.

As this Congress comes to an end, farmers are attempting to secure the credit they need to put crops in the ground for next year. Further, with an increase in farm bankruptcies by 39% over the past two years, we are concerned that absent timely assistance for agriculture, many vulnerable farm families may not survive the economic circumstances that they face.

Providing this assistance before the end of the year is critical in helping producers obtain the resources they need to continue producing the food and fiber upon which our country relies.

Thank you in advance for consideration and please contact us if we can provide any assistance.



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Sincerely,



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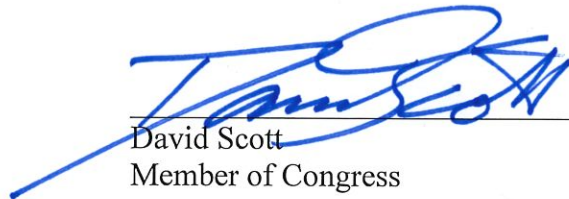
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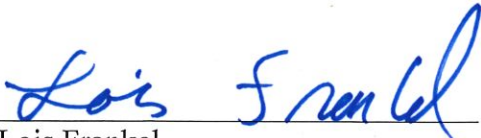
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