

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0908

October 9, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis's request for a pre-landfall emergency declaration covering 27¹ Florida counties in preparation for Hurricane Isaias, which has strengthened into a major hurricane and is expected to make landfall along Florida's western Panhandle this evening.

Hurricane Isaias poses a serious threat to Florida communities, with life-threatening storm surge, destructive winds, heavy rainfall, and flooding expected across the affected region. With landfall imminent, timely federal assistance is critical to supporting state and local emergency response efforts and protecting Floridians, their property, and their communities.

We urge you to promptly approve Governor DeSantis's request for a pre-landfall emergency declaration to ensure Florida has access to the federal resources necessary to prepare for and respond to this dangerous storm.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter and for your continued support of Florida.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott
United States Senator



Ashley Moody
United States Senator

¹ <https://flgov.com/eog/news/press/2026/governor-ron-desantis-issues-updates-state-preparedness-efforts-hurricane-isaias>