United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 19, 2023

The Honorable Shalanda Young Director Office of Management and Budget 725 17th St. NW Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Young:

We write as representatives of disaster-impacted states to request that adequate funding for disaster recovery be included in the Administration's supplemental funding request. Our constituents have a long road to recovery ahead and require federal assistance to recover and rebuild.

As you know, Congress voted to provide \$16 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Disaster Relief Fund in the continuing resolution. However, disaster-impacted communities rely on many other accounts and agencies across the federal government that require supplemental funding to continue recovery programs. These departments and agencies include, but are not limited to, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Small Business Administration, the Department of Transportation, the Economic Development Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Treasury, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Further, FEMA may also require additional resources.

We understand that national damage and needs assessments continue, especially for more recent disasters. However, that process should not stop the Administration from asking for resources that we know will be necessary. We respectfully ask that you consider supporting disaster recovery in our states as you craft the Administration's request for supplemental funding.

Thank you for working with us to provide critical relief to our states.

Sincerely,

Brian Schatz

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