

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 4, 2025

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

Dear President Trump:

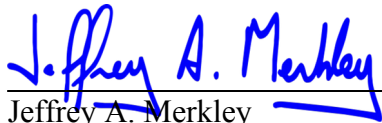
We write to you in support of Oregon Governor Tina Kotek's appeal and request for Individual Assistance (IA) and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding for flooding and other incidents that severely damaged Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties in Oregon between March 13, 2025 and March 20, 2025.

We believe that Oregon's appeal demonstrates that the damage caused by a combination of flooding, severe storms, heavy rain, high winds, and landslides is of such severity and magnitude to warrant IA for affected individuals and households. The state has also provided further clarity and evidence regarding the need for and potential use of mitigation funding under the HMGP. The series of atmospheric rivers and successive winter storm systems led to severe and extensive damage across the counties, overwhelming local capacity and infrastructure, and the IA program and HMGP would provide vital support in recovery and mitigation of future disasters.

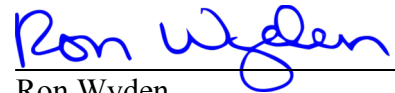
We encourage your administration to deliver the tools needed to protect lives, restore order, and get families back on their feet. Oregon has demonstrated its ability to successfully use federal disaster dollars in the past, and we are confident the State will be effective and efficient with these funds should they be provided for this disaster as well.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. Given the extent of the damage to both physical and social infrastructure across Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties, we urge you and your administration to act swiftly to ensure that state and local governments have all the federal resources they need to recover and rebuild.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator



Ron Wyden
United States Senator



Val Hoyle
Member of Congress