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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0907

October 6, 2016

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Last night, the State of Florida and Governor Rick Scott sent you a federal Pre-Disaster Emergency Declaration Request for Hurricane Matthew. I urge you to approve this request as soon as possible.

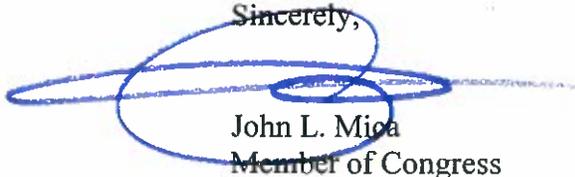
At this point in time, it is not a matter of if this serious storm will hit Florida, but rather, how much damage it will do. A Pre-Disaster Emergency Declaration would provide Florida with Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) that is necessary to assure that the pre-landfall critical emergency needs of our communities and state are met.

The State of Florida has already activated the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Federal resources would be used to address current unmet needs within the state and to help assure the protection of life and property.

I request that you immediately approve the State of Florida's Pre-Disaster Emergency Declaration Request and make every effort to aid state and local officials with pre-and post-disaster preparation and recovery.

Thank you for your support and attention at this critical time.

Sincerely,



John L. Mica
Member of Congress