
February 10, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Committee of 100 for Economic Development, Inc. supports Governor John Bel Edwards request for a Major Disaster Declaration to you and the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated January 22, 2021 to assist the people of Southwest Louisiana in their recovery.

The three 2020 hurricanes, Laura, Delta and Zeta, have been devastating to much of coastal Louisiana, more specifically Cameron Parish and Calcasieu Parish, home of the Lake Charles community. C100 supports Governor Edwards' request for disaster appropriations to address the significant recovery needs faced by thousands of Louisiana families and communities statewide. Governor Edwards' request focuses primarily on Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds and includes other important areas of need i.e. Social Services Block Grant funding, Emergency Solution Grants Program funding, FEMA Cost Share Reduction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funding and Natural Resource Conservation service funding.

It is our hope this request for additional federal assistance will continue to help rebuild those parishes severely damaged and get businesses and people back to their work and lives.

Thank you for your support and consideration of these requests on behalf of the people of Louisiana.

Sincerely,



Tim Temple
Chairman, Committee of 100 for Economic Development, Inc.

cc: U.S. Senator William G. "Bill" Cassidy
U.S. Senator John Kennedy
U.S. Congressman Stephen J. Scalise
U.S. Congressman G. Clay Higgins
U.S. Congressman J. Michael "Mike" Johnson
U.S. Congressman Garret N. Graves