

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

April 19, 2016

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Disaster Assistance for Houston, TX

Dear Mr. President,

As you are aware, Houston, Texas has been devastated by historic rainfall that has resulted in extensive flooding, loss of power and loss of life. Currently, some areas of Houston have received up to 16 inches of rain. On April 18, 2016, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of emergency in areas including Houston, Texas. We urge you to consider a disaster declaration for Harris County and the Houston area so that additional and vital resources can become available for the people in need.

In addition, we request that you consider instructing the Internal Revenue Service to provide tax relief by extending the filing deadline for affected areas in Harris County and the Houston area. This would provide our constituents who were unable to file their taxes on April 18, 2016, some peace of mind.

Relief efforts must not be delayed as this situation has the potential to result in significant damage to small businesses, as well as put many of our constituents at risk of homelessness. We strongly encourage you to expedite your consideration of this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact Congressman Al Green's Deputy Chief of Staff Gregg Orton at [Gregg.orton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Gregg.orton@mail.house.gov) or at (202) 225-7508, or Congressman Gene Green at (202) 225-1688.

Sincerely,



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