

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 5, 2025

The Honorable Donald Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

We write in support of Governor Katie Hobbs' request for a Major Disaster Declaration in response to recent severe thunderstorms and catastrophic flooding impacting Arizona's Gila and Mohave Counties.

From September 25 through September 27, 2025, severe flooding occurred throughout the State of Arizona, causing significant and sustained damage, most notably across Gila and Mohave counties. During this prolonged period of torrential rainfall and flash flooding resulting from a stalled monsoon, approximately 6 to 10 inches of rainfall occurred within 48 hours, overwhelming local watersheds, triggering flash floods and debris floods, and causing widespread destruction to homes. Entire neighborhoods were inundated, roads became impassable, bridges were washed out, families were displaced, and hundreds of homes and businesses were damaged.

Preliminary Damage Assessments conducted by FEMA, the State of Arizona, and local officials identified 312 damaged homes, including 64 destroyed, 89 with major damage, and 159 with minor to affected-level damage. More than 180 residents required emergency sheltering or temporary lodging, and approximately 74 households lacked insurance coverage.

Additionally, severe erosion and debris deposition as a result of the storm damaged primary roadways and bridges, including portions of U.S. Highway 60, State Route 77, and many county or locally maintained roads. Public utilities, including potable water and wastewater systems, were significantly disrupted and power and telecommunications were intermittently lost. Emergency protective measures were required to coordinate lifesaving efforts, rescue victims, recovery of deceased persons, stabilize slopes, clear debris, restore access for emergency services, and temporarily restore utilities. In total, preliminary estimates show losses at \$33,579,081.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207, and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.36, we ask that the State of Arizona receive a major disaster declaration.

Mr. President, we respectfully request your swift consideration and approval of this designation in accordance with all laws, rules, regulations, and agency policies. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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Mark Kelly  
United States Senator



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Ruben Gallego  
United States Senator



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Eli Crane  
Member of Congress



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David Schweikert  
Member of Congress



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Yassamin Ansari  
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Senior Official Performing the Duties of FEMA Administrator, Mr. David Richardson  
Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, The Honorable Kristi Noem