

Mahoney Calls on FEMA to Provide Disaster Relief Funding For Glades County

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Figure 1: Rep. Mahoney and Juan Zaida, State of Florida Emergency Response Team, meet with a resident whose home was damaged by Tropical Storm Fay.

"Tropical Storm Fay seriously damaged the homes and businesses in Glades County, particularly in Moore Haven," said Congressman Mahoney. "I urge FEMA to provide disaster relief funding to help our residents and business owners to recover from this disaster."

Earlier this week, Mahoney sent FEMA a letter urging the agency to provide Glades County with disaster relief funding. Text of the letter below:

August 25, 2008

Honorable R. David Paulison

Administrator

Federal Emergency Management Agency

500 C Street SW

Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Paulison:

As you know, Tropical Storm Fay caused extensive damage throughout Florida and particularly in my Congressional district. Governor Crist requested that all counties be declared as disaster areas, but not all counties were included in FEMA's disaster declaration.

As Fay continues to cause widespread damage and the impact of the storm is fully realized, I urge the inclusion of individual assistance for the people of Glades, Hendry, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties. These counties continue to recover from the effects of Tropical Storm Fay, and they need and deserve the federal government's assistance in this regard.

Furthermore, I urge you to address the temporary housing situation for my affected counties. My constituents continue to suffer from Fay's effects, which have already caused historic flooding and damage throughout my Congressional district. As Fay continues to cause widespread damage and the impact of the storm is fully realized, I urge that you employ an emergency housing plan for my disaster-stricken constituents.

I would appreciate your timely attention to my request. I stand ready to work with federal entities as they provide critical assistance to the residents of my Congressional district and other parts of Florida.

Sincerely,

Tim Mahoney

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