

## Mahoney Calls on Crist to Help Glades Receive FEMA Assistance

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Dear Governor Crist:

As you know, Tropical Storm Fay caused extensive damage throughout Florida, particularly in my Congressional district. I appreciate you recent request that all counties be declared disaster areas however, I am deeply concerned that Glades County did not qualify for FEMA's Individual Assistance funding. As you know, Glades, Hendry, and Okeechobee Counties are in close proximity and were all hit hard by the storm, yet Hendry and Okeechobee have received Individual Assistance funding and Glades has not.

Last weekend, accompanied by representatives from FEMA and the State's Emergency Operations Department, I toured the damaged areas in Glades County. Although Glades is a small rural county, the damage it sustained was significant. 77 homes were damaged by the storm and 11 of them had major damage. As Glades County continues to recover from the effects of Tropical Storm Fay, I urge you to request that Glades County qualify for FEMA's Individual Assistance program.

Glades County needs and deserves the federal government's assistance. 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. Thank you for your timely consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Tim Mahoney

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