

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 15, 2023

The Honorable Deanne Criswell  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street SW  
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Administrator Criswell:

We write in support of the state of California's request for an extension of the registration deadline for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) individual assistance for the January 2023 California winter storms disaster (DR-4683-CA). Our constituents are currently facing yet another flood event, and many have been displaced right before the March 16, 2023 deadline. Extending this deadline will allow victims to focus on their safety, instead of paperwork, as they continue to experience the fallout from current winter storms.

Our communities have barely begun to recover from January's severe storms, which caused damage estimated to exceed \$1 billion. While our constituents are still working to apply for and receive federal relief, they now face additional damages and evacuations due to current atmospheric rivers. These circumstances have made it difficult for those who have not yet completed their applications to do so.

FEMA recovery centers continue to receive new applications for assistance daily. Many constituents need to recover destroyed or lost critical documents like tax information, and it can take considerable time to complete FEMA applications. Other constituents need time to correct or appeal rejected applications.

We are grateful for FEMA's support during both the January winter storms and the current atmospheric river events, but that support cannot be fully realized if those under duress cannot apply in time for funding. We are confident that FEMA did not anticipate this current storm when setting the current March 16 application deadline.

We urge you to extend this deadline for our constituents who have been unable to recover between historic storms and have faced emergencies and losses twice in the past three months. These families cannot afford to miss out on any federal relief due to the unfortunate timing of the deadline and current emergencies.

Sincerely,



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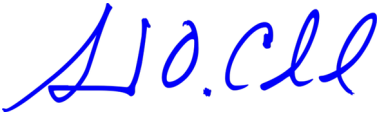
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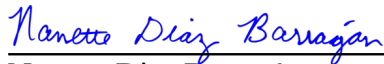
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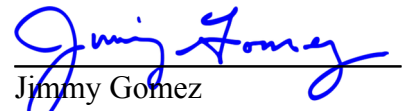
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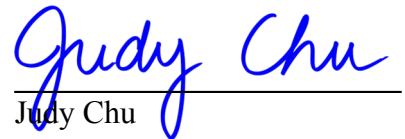
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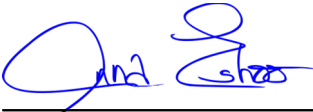
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