

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 23, 2020

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

Dear Mr. President,

I write today in support of North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's March 22, 2020, request for a Major Disaster Declaration under Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act for declaration for consequences resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

North Carolina continues to respond to this unfolding global pandemic. Thus far, there have been 297 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Our state has and continues to take unprecedented actions to combat the spread of the virus, protect public health, and mitigate the severity of its impact. The widespread impact of this disaster has exceeded the state and local government's capabilities.

Immediate action is critical to stem the spread and impacts of COVID-19. I respectfully request your fair and timely consideration of the Governor's request. Please reach out to my staff if you are in need of additional information.

Sincerely,



Thom Tillis

cc: Pete Gaynor, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency