

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

August 20, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As of Friday August 20th, the National Weather Service has forecasted that Tropical Storm Henri will pass directly over Rhode Island as a Category 1 hurricane between Sunday afternoon and Monday. While the storm track may vary in the coming hours, Rhode Island is almost certain to experience damaging winds, flooding, and coastal erosion. The state will be extremely vulnerable if the storm follows its present path directly through Narragansett Bay.

The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency is already working with state, local, and federal partners to prepare and mobilize for the storm's landfall and for response and recovery efforts. Because of the potentially severe impacts to the state, we urge you to approve any request for federal assistance, including a request for an emergency declaration under section 501 of the Stafford Act.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

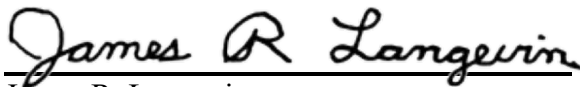
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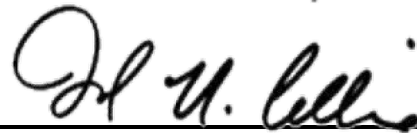
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United States Senator



James R. Langevin
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cc: The Honorable Deanne Criswell, Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency