

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 22, 2026

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The National Weather Service has issued a blizzard warning for Rhode Island beginning on Sunday, February 22. Because of the potentially severe impacts to the state, we urge you to promptly approve any request for federal assistance from the State of Rhode Island, including a request for an emergency or disaster declaration under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. There is no reason FEMA cannot utilize the more than \$9 billion currently in the Disaster Relief Fund, which continues to be available during a shutdown.

Sincerely,



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Jack Reed  
United States Senator



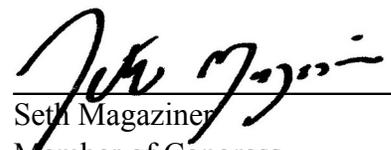
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Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senator



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Gabe Amo  
Member of Congress



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Seth Magaziner  
Member of Congress

CC: The Honorable Kristi Noem, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security

Karen S. Evans, Senior Official Performing the Duties of FEMA Administrator