

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 30, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States of America  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

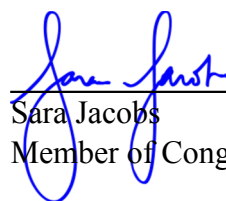
We write today to bring your attention to the devastating floods our constituents and fellow San Diegans experienced in San Diego County on January 22, 2024.

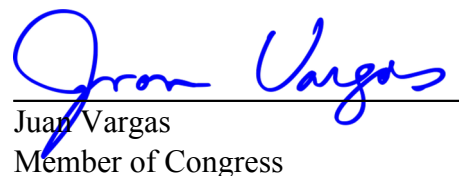
January 22, 2024, was the fourth wettest day in San Diego County in nearly 175 years, with more than a month's worth of rain falling in only six hours. As the floodwaters recede, we are now faced with badly damaged infrastructure across many communities. Many residents have lost their homes, businesses, automobiles, and pets. Tragically, as of today, there have also been two fatalities reported. The severity of this disaster has overwhelmed local resources, significantly hindering recovery efforts.

We support Governor Newsom's proclamation of a State of Emergency in San Diego County, and are grateful that FEMA representatives are now on the ground in San Diego to assess the damage. We believe that federal intervention will likely be necessary to ensure a proper and speedy recovery for all San Diegans impacted by this historic rainfall. We understand that San Diego County needs to meet certain damage assessment thresholds for federal assistance. Should we meet the necessary qualifications for federal intervention, we request your urgent approval of a federal emergency declaration, which will allow federal assistance to supplement state and local response efforts.

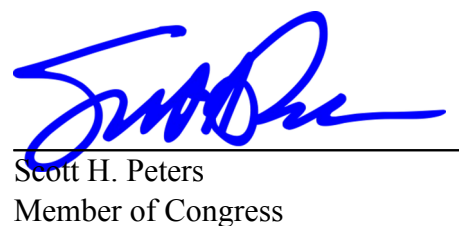
Thank you for your continued leadership, and for your attention to this disaster.

Sincerely,

  
Sara Jacobs  
Member of Congress

  
Juan Vargas  
Member of Congress

  
Mike Levin  
Member of Congress

  
Scott H. Peters  
Member of Congress