

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Gracia B. Szczech  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
3005 Chamblee Tucker Road  
Atlanta, GA 30341

Dear Regional Administrator Szczech,

I write in full support of the City of Newnan's appeal for Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Almost one year ago, the City of Newnan and surrounding areas suffered damage from intense storms and tornados. As reported by the National Weather Service, a powerful tornado with peak wind speeds of 170 miles per hour carved a nearly 40-mile path across multiple counties in Georgia. The most severe damages from this storm were concentrated in Newnan, Georgia, affecting residents, businesses, and public facilities such as Newnan High School and Atkinson Elementary School. President Biden approved a Major Disaster Declaration on May 6, 2021, providing much needed resources to local communities.

On March 1, 2022, I met with local leaders in Newnan to discuss challenges for long-term recovery efforts. While I appreciate FEMA's work to deliver critical Public Assistance funding, the City of Newnan and its residents require additional support, particularly with FEMA's pervious denial of Individual Assistance for residents of Coweta County. I believe the local community has made a compelling case why additional PPDR assistance is needed and in the public interest. Failing to clear debris from private properties across Newnan presents a clear danger to public safety, and I strongly support the allocation of additional resources from the federal government to assist.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's appeal. The work of FEMA has been vital to the City's recovery, but more must be done. I look forward to continuing to work with your agency on behalf of my constituents to best support their long-term recovery efforts.

Sincerely,



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Reverend Raphael Warnock  
United States Senator