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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to request full and fair consideration of the State of California's request for a major disaster declaration as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic beginning on January 20, 2020 and continuing. More specifically, the Governor's request for Individual Assistance (all programs) statewide; Public Assistance (all categories), including direct Federal assistance statewide, and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

As the Governor stated in his request, California has been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. As of March 21, 2020, there have been a total of 1,224 positive cases and 23 deaths, in California. The State is working hard to address this growing problem. To date, California has conducted 25,200 tests and instituted a "stay-at-home" order. It has closed all K-12 schools, colleges, and universities. The effects of COVID-19 and the preventative measures are having a serious impact on all facets of life. Every single one of California's 40 million residents will be touched in some way by this outbreak. Tens of thousands of Californians, many of whom either live below or just above the poverty line, are facing financial uncertainty due to lost wages and job layoffs.

California is instituting all possible actions at its disposal to combat the spread of this pandemic. However, the size and scope of this pandemic demands assistance, coordination, and federal action. This is why I ask your full and fair consideration of the State of California's request for a major disaster declaration including the Governor's request for Individual Assistance (all programs) statewide; Public Assistance (all categories), including direct Federal assistance statewide, and Hazard Mitigation statewide, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Thompson".

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress