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October 9, 2025

Mr. David Richardson
Senior Official Performing the Duties of Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, D.C., 20472

Mr. Richardson:

I am writing to request you take immediate action to preposition the Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA) supplies and personnel ahead of Hurricane Priscilla or its remnants landfall on the U.S. mainland.

Hurricane Priscilla is forecast to bring prolonged, potentially disastrous rainfall to Arizona and the Desert Southwest. Over a month's-worth of rain could fall in Arizona over the course of a few days. Hazardous, widespread flooding may follow as historic droughts and wildfires across the region have increased risks of runoff and flash floods.

The Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 codified the FEMA Administrator's responsibility as the primary coordinator for disaster response. This bipartisan law was passed to reform FEMA after the catastrophic failures of the federal response to Hurricane Katrina. It includes a disaster response framework which demands anticipating needs, acting proactively, and moving life saving resources swiftly, even without waiting for a state request. Federal failures ahead of disasters cost lives.

In July, FEMA failed to proactively deploy supplies and Urban Search and Rescue Teams before the flash flooding in Texas, which claimed at least 135 lives. Do not repeat the same mistake in Arizona. I urge you to use every tool at your disposal to pre-position critical disaster response resources and keep Arizonans safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Stanton".

Greg Stanton
Member of Congress