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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Scott Turner
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development
451 7th St SW
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Turner,

Congratulations on your confirmation as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We appreciate your recent visit to North Carolina to witness firsthand the critical rebuilding efforts and the future investments required to support communities devastated by Hurricane Helene.¹

Last September, Hurricane Helene brought historic rainfall and strong winds to Western North Carolina, causing catastrophic flooding and landslides. The storm destroyed thousands of homes and damaged tens of thousands more, resulting in \$12.7 billion in residential losses.² Millions of North Carolinians lost access to essential services, and the region's economy suffered a devastating hit, threatening livelihoods and the long-term stability of many of the state's once-thriving communities.

On March 26, 2025, Governor Josh Stein submitted North Carolina's proposed Action Plan for \$1.4 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding to address housing, infrastructure, and economic needs in Western North Carolina.³ The plan was submitted only 181 days after Hurricane Helene made landfall, making this submission the fastest from any state in the past decade following a major hurricane.⁴

We appreciate HUD's focus on this urgent matter and urge expedited consideration of North Carolina's Action Plan. We stand ready to collaborate with you and your team at HUD to maximize the positive impact of this vital grant funding.

Sincerely,



Ted Budd
United States Senator



Thom Tillis
United States Senator

¹ <https://www.hud.gov/news/hud-no-25-041>

² <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/hurricane-helene-dna/open>

³ <https://www.commerce.nc.gov/2025-03-26hud-action-plan-cdbg-dr-final/download?attachment>

⁴ <https://governor.nc.gov/news/press-releases/2025/03/27/governor-stein-submits-hud-action-plan-urges-swift-approval-accelerate-rebuilding-western-north>



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