

DESIGNATION OF FUNDING AS AN EMERGENCY  
REQUIREMENT

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

DESIGNATION OF FUNDING AS AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT,  
PURSUANT TO THE ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIA-  
TIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF REQUIREMENTS ACT, 2017, SEC.  
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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, October 26, 2017.*

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with section 304 of division A of the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (H.R. 2266; the “Act”), I hereby designate as emergency requirements all funding (including the repurposing of funds and cancellation of debt) so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

DONALD J. TRUMP.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

October 25, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Mick Mulvaney  
Director

SUBJECT: Designation of Funding as an Emergency Requirement

Congress designated as an emergency requirement all funding in division A of the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (H.R. 2266; "the Act"). Section 304 of division A of the Act provides that the availability of funding that is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA) is contingent upon the President subsequently so designating all such amounts and transmitting such designations to the Congress.

The Act provides a net total of \$20.5 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2018 emergency funding for hurricane and wildfire relief and recovery. This net amount includes \$18.7 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund account within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disaster relief purposes. Of this amount, the Act makes available for transfer up to \$4.9 billion to FEMA's Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program Account for assistance to local governments in providing essential services due to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, or Maria. The overall total also includes \$576.5 million for efforts to respond to the devastating wildfires in the western United States, and makes available \$1.3 billion of contingency reserve funding under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for a grant to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for disaster nutrition assistance. Further, the Act cancels \$16 billion of debt obligation of FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program.

I recommend that you designate as an emergency requirement all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of BBEDCA, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts. Upon transmittal of these designations to the Congress, these funds will be immediately available for obligation and expenditure. No further congressional action will be required.

The designation of these funds as emergency requirements allows for adjustments to the discretionary spending limits in FY 2018, as specified in section 251(b)(2)(A) of BBEDCA. These adjustments will be reflected when the Office of Management and Budget submits its final sequestration report for FY 2018 in accordance with section 254(f) of BBEDCA.

I have reviewed this proposed action and am satisfied it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letters to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

Enclosures

**Accounts in the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (the "Act"), with Funding Designated by the President as Emergency Requirements**

**Department of Homeland Security (division A of this Act)**

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- Disaster Relief Fund (including transfers)

**Department of Agriculture (division A of this Act)**

Forest Service:

- Wildland Fire Management
- Flame Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund

**Department of the Interior (division A of this Act)**

Department-wide Programs:

- Wildland Fire Management

**General Provisions**

Amounts repurposed in section 306(a) of division A of this Act:

- Department of Housing and Urban Development - Community Planning and Development - Community Development Fund, provided by division B of Public Law 115-56

Cancellation of debt in section 308(a) in division A of this Act:

- Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency - National Flood Insurance Fund

Funds made available to Puerto Rico in section 309 in division A of this Act:

- Department of Agriculture -- Food and Nutrition Service -- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, from funds provided by division A of Public Law 114-113