

DESIGNATION OF FUNDING AS AN EMERGENCY
REQUIREMENT

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

DESIGNATION OF FUNDING AS AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT,
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 115-31, SEC. 6(a)



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, September 8, 2017.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with section 114(c) of division D of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (the "Act"), I hereby designate as emergency requirements all funding (including the rescission of funds) 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 amended, 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.



THE DIRECTOR

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

September 8, 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 B and additional funds in division D of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 ("the Act"). Section 114(c) of division B 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 \$15.25 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 emergency funding for the immediate impacts of Hurricane Harvey to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency can meet all current needs, as well as be prepared for any additional disasters that require Federal assistance; to support the Small Business Administration's disaster loan program to help small businesses and homeowners begin to rebuild; and to assist the Department of Housing and Urban Development to support recovery efforts in areas most impacted by major disasters declared in 2017. This net amount also includes a rescission and reappropriation in FY 2017 of prior emergency balances for Hurricane Sandy response in the Department of Veterans Affairs for renovation and repairs. Additional FY 2018 emergency funds in the amount of \$0.4 billion are continued for the Departments of Agriculture and of the Interior to respond to wildfire suppression needs.

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 2017 and 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 Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations
for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (the "Act"), with Funding Designated by the
President as Emergency Requirements**

Department of Homeland Security (division B of this Act)

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- Disaster Relief Fund

Small Business Administration (division B of this Act)

- Disaster Loans Program Account

Department of Housing and Urban Development (division B of this Act)

Community Planning and Development:

- Community Development Fund

Department of Agriculture (division D of this Act)

Forest Service:

- Flame Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund

Department of the Interior (division D of this Act)

Department-wide Programs:

- Flame Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund

Rescission in section 141(a) (division D of this Act)

- Department of Veterans Affairs – Departmental Administration – Construction, Major Projects 2013/2017, provided by division A of Public Law 113-2

Appropriation in section 141(b) (division D of this Act)

- Department of Veterans Affairs – Departmental Administration – Construction, Major Projects

