

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 25, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

In light of the severe storm that recently damaged the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, we are writing in support of President Martin Harvier's request for a major disaster declaration for the Community.

On July 17, 2022, the Community experienced severe thunderstorms and wind gusts, including a macroburst featuring downburst winds of 80 to 100 miles per hour. 16 power distribution poles and five transmission towers were destroyed, leaving residents without power for up to five days. Given the extreme heat Arizona experienced in July, displaced residents faced an urgent and extended need for cooling stations and temporary shelter. 283 of the Community's approximately 1,580 homes have been impacted, including multiple toppled houses, and federal support is needed to help the tribe and its members recover.

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 401 and 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§5121-5207 (Stafford Act) and implemented by 44 CFR §206.36 and §206.35, we request a major disaster declaration for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Mr. President, we respectfully request your swift consideration and approval of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senator



Mark Kelly
United States Senator



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Member of Congress



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