

United States Senate

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Fire Chief Joseph Dixon
Gainseville Fire Department

Dear Fire Chief Dixon:

As hurricane season begins, it is my honor to thank you for your commitment to the safety of Florida's families. Thanks to your hard work, Florida's communities know that they can rely on the world's best first responders, elected officials and community leaders in their time of need.

Over the past years, I have seen firsthand the destruction left behind by multiple devastating hurricanes – Michael, Irma, Hermine, Matthew and most recently, Ian and Fiona. If there is one thing I learned, it is that Florida is resilient. Our state and local communities come together in times of need and work incredibly hard to recover from these storms.

As your U.S. Senator, I am proud to serve as your partner in Washington and I will continue to fight to ensure communities have the resources they need for their safety. I appreciate your work to urge all Floridians to take the time to make a plan in case of emergency, stock up on supplies and stay alert to weather threats to make sure that our families and businesses are prepared for a storm. It's been an honor to stand alongside many of you in recent weeks, and before previous storms, to deliver this critically important message. As I always say, and you know well: you can rebuild a house, but you can't rebuild a life. I know you share in my goal of not losing a single Floridian in a future storm and I am 100% committed to doing everything I can with you to make sure we keep folks safe.

Every community in Florida has felt the devastating effects of a hurricane or tropical storm, and it is vital for families to plan ahead of time. Thank you, again, for your dedication to keeping families across our state safe this hurricane season.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott
United States Senator