



Town of Cicero

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The Honorable Richard Durbin
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Chuy Garcia
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Delia Ramirez
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

September 29, 2023

Dear Senator Durbin, Senator Duckworth, Congressman Garcia, and Congresswoman Ramirez,

As you know, on July 2, 2023, the Town of Cicero and our neighboring communities were inundated with torrential rain that led to extreme and widespread, devastating flooding throughout the area. The rainfall volume in Cicero alone was measured at 8.47 inches (0.86 billion gallons) over the course of 24 hours.

The damage from this storm is estimated to be in excess of \$100 million, and while the Town immediately mobilized to help our residents in every way at our disposal, we have only just begun to start the recovery process.

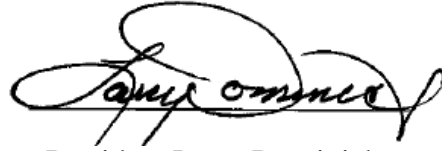
Part of that recovery process relies on FEMA aid from the federal government, aid intended for those hardest hit as they struggle to put their lives back together. That aid is now at risk due to the possibility of a government shutdown.

It is our understanding that if the federal government shuts down, FEMA employees would go on unpaid status, thereby unable to process relief applications from our residents. Additionally, once the emergency fund is depleted, FEMA will be unable to access any other funds during the shutdown, which would indefinitely halt any relief funds still in the process of being disbursed.

The last thing that our residents need on top of their efforts to rebuild is to have the aid that they need shut off. I care deeply about the residents of Cicero and our neighboring towns, just as I know that you do. I also know that you, like me, do not want to see our communities bear the brunt of a shutdown as they are just beginning to recover.

I urge you to do everything in your power to avert a government shutdown and ensure the funds that our residents need are provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Dominick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long tail extending to the right.

President Larry Dominick
Town of Cicero

CC: Illinois Congressional Delegation
The United States House of Representatives
The United States Senate
President Joseph R. Biden