

**CLINTON D. OWLETT, MEMBER
68TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

HARRISBURG OFFICE
PO BOX 202068
HARRISBURG, PA 17120-2068
PHONE: (717) 772-5371
FAX: (717) 782-2935

Email: cowlett@pahousegop.com
Web: www.repowlett.com
Facebook.com/RepOwlett



House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

October 16, 2024

DISTRICT OFFICES
74 MAIN STREET
WELLSBORO, PA 16901-1504
PHONE: (570) 724-1390
FAX: (570) 724-2168

121 CANTON STREET
TROY, PA 16947
PHONE: (570) 297-3045
FAX: (570) 297-5551

COMMITTEES
AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS
APPROPRIATIONS
ETHICS
JUDICIARY

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to respectfully request that Tioga County be added to DR-4815 PA for all programs and categories of Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation, as our citizens and communities continue their recovery from extreme flooding caused by the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby on Friday, Aug. 9.

We have seen firsthand the damage done to homes, businesses, bridges, roadways and more. The results of the ongoing Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (Joint PDA) conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) indicated the Commonwealth has exceeded its statewide Per Capita indicator of \$23,924,968. To date, the damages are still being reviewed and FEMA has validated \$26,064,166 for the 14 counties impacted by Tropical Storm Debby, with Tioga County receiving more than half of the validated damages (\$14,951,778). The results of these reports justify the request that all programs and categories of Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation, to include emergency and permanent work, be made available to the 14 counties impacted by Tropical Storm Debby.

In addition to helping our citizens get back on their feet, public assistance and hazard mitigation will help pave the way for the residents and our communities to take necessary action to prevent, or at least minimize, future flooding in our region.

We thank you for your consideration of our request on behalf of the residents of Tioga County.

Sincerely,

Clint Owlett
State Representative
68th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Gene Yaw
State Senator
23rd SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Sam VanLoon
Tioga County Commissioner

Marc Rice
Tioga County Commissioner

Shane Nickerson
Tioga County Commissioner

cc: Governor Josh Shapiro, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
MaryAnn Tierney, Regional Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region III