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Friends,

My wife Renee and I are continuing to pray for North Carolina as Hurricane Florence barrels towards our state. I want to thank our National Guard troops, first responders, swift water rescue teams and others for their tireless work to prepare, as well as our linemen, utility and clean-up crews who face a tough road ahead.

Before the storm hits, I want to share important contact information and resources. As always, if you need help resolving an issue with a federal agency following a natural disaster, you can call my Concord office at 704-786-1612 or my Fayetteville office at 910-997-2070 or contact me at http://hudson.house.gov.

God bless,

Richard Hudson
Member of Congress (NC-08)

Shelters
For the latest information on shelters, visit www.ncdps.gov/florence or call 2-1-1. The Red Cross has shelters open. For more information, visit https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html.

Local/County Emergency Contacts
A list of local emergency contacts can be found at http://www.ncdps.gov/Emergency-Management/EM-Community/Directories/Counties.

NCDOT Updates and Road Closures
For real-time road closure and traffic conditions in your area, drivers are urged to visit ReadyNC.org or call 5-1-1.

Disaster Distress Helpline
The Department of Health and Human Services has set up a 24 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week Disaster Distress Helpline for people seeking crisis counseling. Residents can call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

Applying for Individual Disaster Assistance
Following the storm, a major disaster declaration may be given for counties affected by Hurricane Florence. You can check and apply for assistance at www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Those with a speech or hearing impairment should call TTY 1-800-462-7585.

Applying for SBA's Disaster Loan Program
In addition, several counties may be eligible for Small Business Administration (SBA) assistance. Small businesses wishing to apply for assistance will need to fill out an assistance application at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/ or by calling 1-800-659-2955.