



CONGRESSMAN  
**Tom Marino**

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## **HELPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AFTER A DISASTER**

**A guide to assist you with federal assistance after a disaster**



*“I have put this packet of information together to provide you with reference and federal assistance information in the aftermath of a disaster. My top priority is to provide you and your family with the tools to make the recovery process as painless as possible. Please contact one of my Constituent Service Centers if you have any questions or if you need help navigating through the federal disaster assistance process. It is an honor to serve you and I look forward to providing any help possible during these difficult times.”*

**- Congressman Tom Marino**

Please take a moment to fill out the form below so that a member of Congressman Tom Marino's staff may remain in contact with you and provide any assistance necessary as you apply for federal disaster assistance. Return the completed form to one of the Constituent Service Centers listed on the next page of this packet.

**PRIVACY ACT RELEASE FORM**

As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, I authorize United States Representative Tom Marino to obtain information from any federal government records regarding me in connection with my \_\_\_\_\_ claim or problem.  
(Agency)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Claim Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe your problem and the current status of your claim.**

**\*\*Please feel free to write on back or a separate sheet if necessary\*\***

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## **Introduction:**

There are a number of programs throughout the federal government designed to help meet essential needs, as well as assist you and your family in taking the first steps to recovery after a disaster. The information contained in this packet is designed to be a starting point in directing you to the agencies and programs that will best serve your needs. For a more comprehensive review of what is available, please contact one of the Constituent Service Centers located throughout the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

### **Office of Rep. Tom Marino Constituent Service Centers**

Williamsport, PA  
1020 Commerce Park Dr.  
Williamsport PA 17701  
Phone: (570) 322-3961

Tunkhannock, PA  
181 West Tioga Street, Suite 2  
Tunkhannock, PA 18657  
Phone: (570) 836-8020

Sunbury, PA  
106 Arch Street  
Sunbury, PA 17801  
Phone: (570) 988-7801

Washington, D.C.  
410 Cannon House Office Bldg  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
Phone: (202) 225-3731

**To begin the process and familiarize yourself with the assistance that the federal government provides, please visit [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov).** This website serves as a one-stop disaster assistance page where you can: obtain information for preparing for a disaster; review all the agencies and disaster programs that they offer; take a pre-screen questionnaire for an accurate list of programs for which you may qualify; apply for federal disaster assistance; review the status of a submitted application.

## **Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA):**

For information on FEMA assistance, please visit their website at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or call 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362). FEMA asks that you have the following information ready when you contact them:

- Your Social Security number;
- A description of your losses that were caused by the disaster;
- Insurance information;
- Directions to your damaged property; and
- A telephone number where you can be reached.

Assistance that may be available through FEMA includes:

### 1) Housing Needs

- Temporary Housing (a place to live for a limited period of time): Money is available to rent a different place to live, or a government provided housing unit when rental properties are not available. Search for information about housing rental resources.

- Repair: Money is available to homeowners to repair damage from the disaster to their primary residence that is not covered by insurance. The goal is to make the damaged home safe, sanitary, and functional.
- Replacement: Money is available to homeowners to replace their home destroyed in the disaster that is not covered by insurance. The goal is to help the homeowner with the cost of replacing their destroyed home.
- Permanent Housing Construction: Direct assistance or money for the construction of a home. This type of help occurs only in insular areas or remote locations specified by FEMA, where no other type of housing assistance is possible. This type of assistance is not likely to be available in the 10th District.

2) Other than Housing Needs - Money is available for necessary expenses and serious needs caused by the disaster. This includes:

- Disaster-related medical and dental costs.
- Disaster-related funeral and burial cost.
- Clothing; household items (room furnishings, appliances); tools (specialized or protective clothing and equipment) required for your job; necessary educational materials (computers, school books, supplies).
- Fuels for primary heat source (heating oil, gas).
- Clean-up items (wet/dry vacuum, dehumidifier).
- Disaster damaged vehicle.
- Moving and storage expenses related to the disaster (moving and storing property to avoid additional disaster damage while disaster-related repairs are being made to the home).
- Other necessary expenses or serious needs as determined by FEMA.
- Other expenses that are authorized by law.

3) Additional Services

- Crisis Counseling
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance
- Legal Services
- Special Tax Considerations

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA):**

For information on USDA assistance, please visit their website at [www.usda.gov/disaster](http://www.usda.gov/disaster). The USDA provides assistance in a number of different ways through the Farm Service Agency; the Rural Development office; National Resources Conservation Service; and the Food and Nutrition Service. Below is a list of local and/or regional offices for the USDA that can assist you with any questions or information.

#### **State Office:**

Pennsylvania State FSA  
 1 Credit Union PL  
 Harrisburg, PA 17110-2912  
 (717) 237-2117

Regional Service Center Offices:

Lackawanna County FSA  
1300 Old Plank RD  
Mayfield, PA 18433-1973  
(570) 282-8732

Luzerne County FSA  
911 W. Main Street  
Plymouth, PA 18651-2799  
(570) 779-0732

Wyoming County FSA  
1 Hollow Crest Complex  
Tunkhannock, PA 18657-6631  
(570) 836-2490

Northumberland County FSA  
441 Plum Creek RD  
Sunbury, PA 17801-9220  
(570) 286-7114

Tioga County FSA  
50 Plaza LN  
Wellsboro, PA 16901  
(570) 724-4812

Susquehanna County FSA  
17089 State Route 706, STE 3  
Montrose, PA 18801  
(570) 278-1011

Bradford County FSA  
200 Lake Road, STE D  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-3146

Columbia County FSA  
702 Sawmill RD  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815-7727  
(570) 784-1062

Lycoming County FSA  
542 County Farm RD  
Montoursville, PA 17754  
(570)433-3902

Snyder County FSA  
405 W. Market ST  
Middleburg, PA 17842-1038  
(570) 837-0007

**U.S. Small Business Administration:**

The Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Disaster Assistance provides low interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace real estate, personal property, machinery & equipment, inventory and business assets that have been damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster. For more information about services provided by the SBA visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) or call the SBA customer service center at 1-800-659-2955.

Below are several SBA loan programs for which you may qualify:

- Home and Personal Property Loans - A homeowner, renter and/or personal-property owner in a designated disaster area may qualify for an SBA loan to help recover from a disaster.
- Business Physical Disaster Loans - Any business or private, nonprofit organization that is located in a declared disaster area and has incurred damage during the disaster may apply for a loan to help replace damaged property or restore it to the condition it was in before the disaster.
- Economic Injury Disaster Loans - If your small business or private, nonprofit organization has suffered economic injury, regardless of physical damage, and is located in a declared disaster area, you may be eligible for financial assistance.

- Military Reservists Economic Injury Loans - The Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan program (MREIDL) provides funds to help an eligible small business meet ordinary and necessary operating expenses that it could have met, but is unable to meet, because an essential employee was called-up to active duty in their role as a military reservist.

**Conclusion:**

The general information in this packet is not a comprehensive list of all disaster assistance programs offered by the federal government. Please contact one of Congressman Marino's Constituent Service Centers for more information and for assistance throughout the entire disaster assistance application process. Rep. Marino has designated a 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Recovery team to help coordinate your efforts with federal agencies. The team is:

**FOR INDIVIDUALS & BUSINESSES:**

Jacque Bell, Williamsport center, and Cathy Romaniello, Tunkhannock center

**FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT/INFRASTRUCTURE:**

Dave Weber, Tunkhannock center

**FOR FEMA/HOMELAND SECURITY:**

Robert Savino, Washington, D.C., office

The members of this team will help you with disaster assistance and will not simply refer you to a federal agency where you may run into the usual red tape and bureaucracy.

For any other information, visit my website at [www.marino.house.gov](http://www.marino.house.gov).