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Good afternoon: hope you are well.

Per the request by Senator Williams, below is the correspondence Senator Mastriano received from the White House of Intergovernmental Affairs. Scot.

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- **President Trump Declares a National Emergency:** On March 13, President Trump **declared** a national emergency concerning COVID-19. The emergency declaration authorized direct Federal assistance, temporary facilities, commodities, equipment, and emergency operation costs for all States, including Pennsylvania, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
- **Pennsylvania's Major Disaster Declaration:** On March 28, Governor Wolf submitted a major disaster declaration request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). On March 30, President Trump **approved** the request declaring a major disaster in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, local, and tribal recovery efforts in the areas affected by COVID-19. For the first time in our Nation's history, every State and territory has a presidential disaster declaration at the same time.

On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of Stafford Act to avoid governors needing to request individual emergency declarations.

<https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/disaster-declarations#:~:text=On%20March%2013%2C%202020%2C%20President,to%20request%20individual%20emergency%20declarations.>

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Good Morning,

During yesterday's Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, in response to Sen. Williams' question, Sen. Mastriano indicated he had received communication from the the federal government that PA's federal CARES Act funding would not be at risk should the General Assembly terminate the Governor's Disaster Declaration, that he had that confirmation in writing and could provide that documentation to Sen. Williams.

I wanted to follow-up to get that documentation. Sen. Williams would like to review any conformation communications Sen. Mastriano has received from the federal government prior to any further votes on HR836.

Thank you for your assistance.

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