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## **Statement from Rep. John Barrow on Hurricane Katrina's Impact on Georgia**

**Washington, DC** – 12<sup>th</sup> District Congressman John Barrow (D-GA) today issued the following statement on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the ongoing relief efforts:

“The destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina is reaching epic proportions – with a ripple effect that will likely be felt clear across the country. I encourage all Georgians to donate to those volunteer relief agencies leading the efforts to help our neighbors in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana. This will undoubtedly be a long-term relief, rescue, and recovery effort, and your help, along with your prayers, will go a long way in helping victims begin putting their lives back together.

“Many people across Georgia have taken in friends and family members displaced from those areas affected by Katrina. If you have any questions or need any help assisting them with federal disaster relief, please contact my office at 866-890-6236.”

“Furthermore, many Georgians have contacted my office about fuel shortages at local gas stations. Due to power outages along the Gulf Coast, some fuel supply lines have been temporarily disrupted. My office has been in contact with Governor Perdue's office and all indications suggest that the major supply line will resume service this weekend.

“Right now, the most important thing is to conserve your fuel and to limit travel to a minimum. Until that supply line resumes service, we need to help make sure that those on the front lines of the relief effort, as well as those here at home that perform essential services, have access to the fuel supply they'll need to continue doing their job without interruption.”

Our neighbors are in need, and cash donations to volunteer relief agencies are the most effective way to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. To make a donation to the relief effort or to find out other ways you can help, contact:

American Red Cross  
(800) HELP NOW (435-7669)  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Salvation Army  
(800) SAL-ARMY (725-2769)  
[www.salvationarmyusa.org/](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/)

If friends or family members from the affected areas are currently staying with you, please encourage them to contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to register for federal disaster assistance:

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
(800) 621-FEMA (3362)  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

FEMA's Frequently Asked Disaster  
Assistance Questions:  
<http://www.fema.gov/rrr/qanda.shtm>

For the latest information on federal and state responses to Hurricane Katrina:

Federal Emergency Management Agency: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
National Hurricane Center: [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)  
Emergency Management Assistance Compact: [www.emacweb.org](http://www.emacweb.org)  
Alabama Emergency Management Agency: [www.ema.alabama.gov/](http://www.ema.alabama.gov/)  
Florida Division of Emergency Management: [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)  
Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness: <http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov>  
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency: [www.mema.state.ms.us](http://www.mema.state.ms.us)

State Emergency Information:

Georgia Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.State.Ga.US/GEMA/>  
(404) 635-7000

Business and Farming Disaster Assistance:

Small Business Administration's Disaster Assistance Program: [http://www.sba.gov/disaster\\_recov/](http://www.sba.gov/disaster_recov/)  
USDA's Disaster Assistance Program: <http://disaster.usda.gov/>

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