

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 20, 2023

The Honorable Shalanda Young
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Young,

This year, Georgia growers have suffered from natural disasters that have devastated crops and communities across our state. Hurricane Idalia spent more time over Georgia than over any other state, flooding vegetable fields and uprooting pecan trees. A freeze in early March destroyed an estimated 90 percent of Georgia's peach crop.

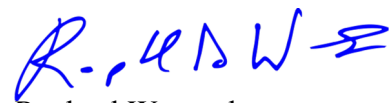
In response to these and other disaster events, we respectfully request that you include funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Administration's forthcoming supplemental appropriations requests. We know that assessments are continuing around the country, but given the scale of the damages, we encourage the Administration to ask for the resources that are sorely needed by growers in our state and across the nation.

As you know, agriculture is the backbone of our state's economy. Thank you for working with us to support Georgia growers.

Sincerely,



Jon Ossoff
United States Senator



Raphael Warnock
United States Senator