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Mr. Phil Lam
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Mr. Phil Lam:

The Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants (GSCPA) respectfully requests FinCEN provide filing relief for Hurricane Debby victims in the affected areas of Georgia.

The Internal Revenue Service has granted filing relief until February 3, 2025. We are requesting the same relief for affected residents of Georgia who have an FBAR and/or BOI filing requirement.

FinCEN has graciously granted FBAR filing relief for affected Georgia residents and businesses in the past and we are deeply appreciative.

In addition, we ask that you indicate FinCEN will work with any FBAR or BOI filer who lives outside the disaster area but whose records required to meet the deadline are in the affected area, regardless of where the filer resides. This can be done in the form of a press release.

Hurricane Debby caused significant damage to businesses and residences in the southern half of the state of Georgia. Taxpayers and tax professionals are working diligently to comply with filing deadlines; however, many have experienced substantial losses and disruption to their lives and their businesses.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 404-877-2154 or through email at don.cook@gscpa.org.

Respectfully,

Don Cook

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