

■ ■ ■ Hello Jon, I traveled to Maui this week as member of Congressional leadership. I heard from families and rescue crews – and I wanted to update you on what I learned. Simply put, the people of Maui have suffered unimaginable devastation and heartache. A community defined by natural beauty, a rich history, and a vibrant culture is now marked by tragedy – businesses, homes, schools, and livelihoods have been destroyed, and families are mourning the loss of loved ones. Everyone I met yesterday is heroically working together to help Maui recover, but this is a national crisis and it deserves a national response. SHOULD CONGRESS SEND MORE HELP TO MAUI? Under President Biden's leadership, the federal government has already marshaled a whole-of-government response. And I stand ready to provide Hawaii with the federal resources it needs for the difficult journey ahead. In the coming weeks and months, we will learn more about why the town of Lahaina was taken so quickly by the fire. But we do know some things already — wildfires in Hawaii have spiked in recent decades and the increasing severity of tropical storm winds exasperated the situation. The climate crisis is here and leaving a deadly wake of destruction. We must build the sustainable and safe future Americans deserve, and we must do it now. I promise to continue putting people and our planet over politics Sincerely, Congresswoman Katherine Clark Democratic Whip

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