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Donalds-Endorsed Disaster Tax Relief Bill Signed Into Law: Provides Immediate Tax Relief For Southwest Floridians

WASHINGTON – After two years of partisan hold-up, Donalds-endorsed [H.R. 5863 – "The Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023"](#) has been signed into law by the President.

["The Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023"](#) will provide much-needed disaster tax relief to residents of Southwest Florida. Specifically, the legislation will cover victims of 300+ federally-designated disasters including Hurricanes Ian, Milton, Helene, Idalia, Debby, Nicole, and Fiona; the Maui Fires; recent California wildfires; and the East Palestine Train Derailment. Congressman Donalds (R-FL) released the following statement:

"In 2022, then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) made a devastating decision to deny Southwest Floridians hurricane tax relief in our time of need," *said Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL)*. "Over the past two years, I have fought alongside Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL) and Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) to ensure that disaster tax relief reaches our community. We relentlessly proposed bill after bill until the Senate took action and the President signed this critical legislation into law. I am proud to have played a role in delivering this much-needed disaster tax relief to Southwest Florida, the Sunshine State, and affected communities across our nation. Government must put the American people first."

Bill Highlights

- [H.R. 5863](#) officially took effect on December 12, 2024.
- Section 2 of [H.R. 5863](#) eliminates the 10% Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) threshold for qualified disaster losses and allows Americans to claim such losses without itemizing deductions.
- [H.R. 5863](#) applies to federally qualified disasters dating back to February 2021 and provides relief for Hurricanes Ian, Milton, Helene, Idalia, Debby, Nicole, and Fiona.
- [H.R. 5863](#) applies to federally qualified disasters declared up to 60 days after the law's enactment.
- [H.R. 5863](#) applies to 300+ additional federally qualified disasters that have occurred since February 2021 such as the Maui Fires, recent California wildfires, and the East Palestine Train Derailment.
- Floridians who need to retroactively claim disaster-related losses for the 2021, 2022, and/or 2023 tax years will need to file an amended return for that year.
- Floridians who need to claim disaster-related losses for the 2024 hurricane season will be able to do so on their 2024 taxes.
- Please contact your tax preparer or accountant for professional guidance.

More:

- See Donalds H.R. 5863 interview [HERE](#).
- Social media summary roll-out [HERE](#).
- Read the full text of the legislation [HERE](#).
- Congress.gov profile of the legislation [HERE](#).
- Senate Congressional Record documenting bill passage [HERE](#).
- White House Press Release documenting bill signing [HERE](#) or [BELOW](#):



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Press Release: **Bills Signed: H.R. 1432, H.R. 3821, H.R. 5863, S. 91, S. 4243**

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On Thursday, December 12, 2024, the President signed into law:

H.R. 1432, the "VSO Equal Tax Treatment Act" or the "VETT Act," which amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to certain organizations for members of the Armed Forces.

Thank you to Representatives Wenstrup and Panetta, and Senators Cassidy and Duckworth for their leadership.

H.R. 3821, the "Firefighter Cancer Registry Reauthorization Act of 2023," which reauthorizes the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018.

Thank you to the late Representative Bill Pascrell, Representatives Fitzpatrick, Hoyer, and Bost, and Senators Klobuchar, Fischer, Tester, Rubio, and Brown for their leadership.

H.R. 5863, the "Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023," which provides tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters.

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