



September 30, 2024

Ms. Andrea Gacki
Director
Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)
Department of the Treasury
2070 Chain Bridge Road
Vienna, Virginia 22182

RE: Hurricane Helene (DR-4828)

Director Gacki:

The Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) respectfully requests FinCEN provide filing relief for Hurricane Helene victims in the affected areas of Florida.

President Joe Biden on Sept. 28 issued a major disaster declaration for 17 Florida counties, which will trigger an automatic filing extension from the Internal Revenue Service, with a new filing date to be announced. Likewise, a total of 61 Florida counties have already received an IRS extension through Feb. 3, 2025, following the impact of Hurricane Debby in August. We are requesting that FinCEN grant similar relief for the affected residents of Florida who have an FBAR and/or BOI filing requirement.

FinCEN has gratuitously granted FBAR filing relief for affected Florida 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.

Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida's Big Bend as a Category 4 storm leading to significant damage across the state of Florida. Taxpayers and tax professionals were working diligently to comply with filing deadlines before them; however, many have experienced substantial losses and disruption to their lives and businesses. We know that restoration of power and other business services will take time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 850.521.5900 or through email at shelly@ficpa.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shelly J. Weir'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shelly Weir
President/CEO

Cc: Ed Duarte, FICPA Chair