

(*Hartford*) - Following the passage of a Hurricane Sandy relief package by the United States Senate yesterday, all five members of the Connecticut congressional delegation released a joint statement calling on House leadership to vote on the bill:

"As the House of Representatives prepares to return to session, we request that you immediately schedule a vote on the Senate-passed, bipartisan Hurricane Sandy relief package.

"Earlier this year, Superstorm Sandy slammed into the East Coast devastating Connecticut, New Jersey and New York. Thousands of our constituents lost their homes and their livelihoods, and more than a hundred perished due to the storm. While we are only beginning the recovery process, it is clear that it will take years and significant support from the federal government for our communities to fully recover from this natural disaster.

"The Senate-passed, bipartisan Hurricane Sandy relief package would provide our communities with the financial support needed to begin the recovery process and give our state leaders the certainty that they need to properly plan for the future. Allowing the 112th Congress to come to an end without acting on this critical legislation would be irresponsible and leave our constituents questioning whether the nation will support them in their time of need.

"Members on both sides of the aisle understand the immediate need to provide relief for those dealing with the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. We couldn't agree more. Now is the time to act."

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