

# Trump denies Minnesota governor's request for \$500M to repair damage from riots

President Trump has denied a request from Minnesota's governor for money to rebuild parts of Minneapolis that were destroyed during the riots following the death of George Floyd.

"The Governor is disappointed that the federal government declined his request for financial support," Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz's office said in a statement. "As we navigate one of the most difficult periods in our state's history, we look for support from our federal government to help us through."

Walz, a Democrat, asked that Trump declare Minnesota a "major disaster" zone in a request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency on July 2 after more than 1,500 buildings were damaged by looting and rioting in the wake of Floyd's death, totaling over \$500 million in damages.

At least one Republican in the state had lobbied the Trump administration in opposition to the request, arguing that the state's response to the unrest should be thoroughly reviewed.

"If the federal government is expected to assist in the clean-up of these unfortunate weeks, it has an obligation to every American — prior to the release of funding — to fully understand the events which allowed for this level of destruction to occur and ensure it never happens again," Rep. Tom Emmer wrote to the Trump administration in a [letter](#).

Another congressman, Rep. Jeff Duncan of South Carolina, praised the Trump administration's decision to reject Minnesota's request, placing blame on the local officials who told the police to stand down during the rioting.

"Great news! @realDonaldTrump has DENIED Minnesota's disaster request to repair half a billion dollars in damage from the riots," Duncan tweeted. "Governors and Mayors who ordered police to stand down and watch their cities burn shouldn't get a penny in taxpayer aid!"

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Conservative radio host Mark Levin echoed the sentiment expressed by the two Republicans, telling Minnesota politicians to "pay for your own man-made hell."

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Great decision. The president offered the National Guard but the pathetic governor waited and waited. And now the Minneapolis city council votes to abolish its police department. Pay for your own man-made hell. So much for utopia.



Trump denies Minnesota gov's request for taxpayer money to repair massive damage from BLM riots.

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