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Rep. John Lewis on Tornado Devastation in Atlanta

“My heart and my prayers go out to all the victims of the tornado in Atlanta. My office has been communicating with Mayor Franklin’s office and the Federal Emergency Management Administration to determine how we can work together to respond to this crisis. My understanding at this time is that there may be one fatality. Thirty people have been injured, and the city has already set up temporary housing. About 70 people have arrived so far to receive shelter.

“Several of our major landmarks-- the Georgia Dome, Centennial Park, the Georgia World Congress Center, and even my office in Atlanta--have been ravaged by this tornado, and another one could be on the way. Atlanta is a strong, resilient city. We have pulled together and survived through major crises before. I want the people of Atlanta to rest assured that the leadership of this city, the state government, and their federal representatives are working together to try to get the city back on its feet again as quickly as possible. I believe the people of this city are praying for each other and will pull together to support each other through this difficult time.”

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