

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 29, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

We write asking that you approve Governor Nixon's request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Missouri as result of severe storms that generated flooding and flash flooding during the period of August 2, 2013 to August 14, 2013, which followed several severe weather events earlier this year.

Following several weeks of Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) performed by the state and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Management (Stafford) Act, it has been determined that damages due to recent storms exceed the state's emergency response capabilities.

Specifically, the PDAs found \$18.3 million in public response and infrastructure costs and damages, over 380 homes damaged, and over 130 businesses damaged as a result of the storms. Additionally, the storms resulted in three reported deaths, over 100 water rescues, the evacuation of over 500 individuals from their homes, and numerous injuries across the state.

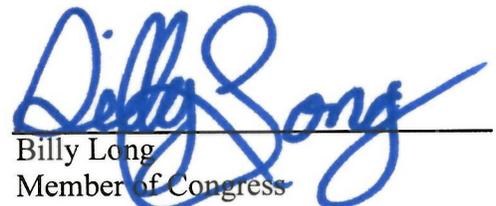
Governor Nixon, in a detailed letter to you dated August 27, 2013, has requested both Public Assistance and Individual Assistance for Barry, Camden, Dallas, Laclede, Maries, McDonald, Miller, Osage, Ozark, Phelps, Pulaski, Taney, Texas, and Webster Counties. In addition, Governor Nixon is requesting Public Assistance for Cedar, Dade, Shannon, and Wright Counties and Individual Assistance for Dent, Gasconade, Morgan, and Polk Counties, and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

We, as Members of the Missouri Congressional Delegation, respectfully urge you to issue a major disaster declaration for our state, providing Missouri with the resources needed to recover from these damaging storms and mitigate future losses.

Sincerely,



Vicky Hartzler
Member of Congress



Billy Long
Member of Congress

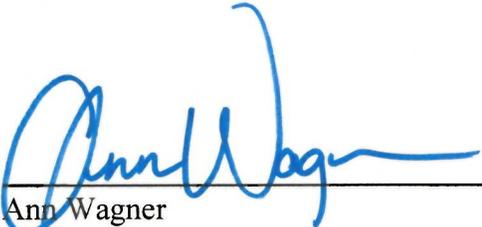


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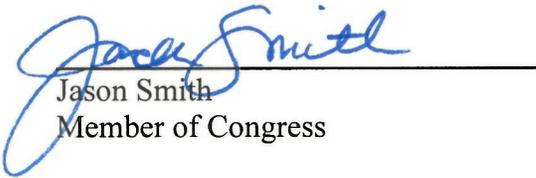
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