

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2013

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

We write in support of a recent request from Iowa Governor Branstad for a presidential disaster designation for 19 counties in Iowa. Severe weather, including heavy rains, damaging wind, thunderstorms, and flooding caused significant damage in south central and southeast Iowa.

Specifically, Governor Branstad is requesting federal Public Assistance Program funding for the counties of Appanoose, Cedar, Clinton, Davis, Decatur, Des Moines, Iowa, Johnson, Keokuk, Lee, Lucas, Marion, Monroe, Muscatine, Ringgold, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren and Wayne. These counties experienced severe weather between April 17, 2013 and April 30, 2013.

This stretch of severe weather events caused significant damage in our communities. A joint federal, state, and local preliminary damage assessment determined that damage caused by the severe weather in these counties caused an estimated \$8.9 million of damage that could be eligible for Public Assistance. A major disaster designation will help ensure these communities are able to fully recover.

We respectfully urge your timely consideration of this request and again express our support for the designation. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



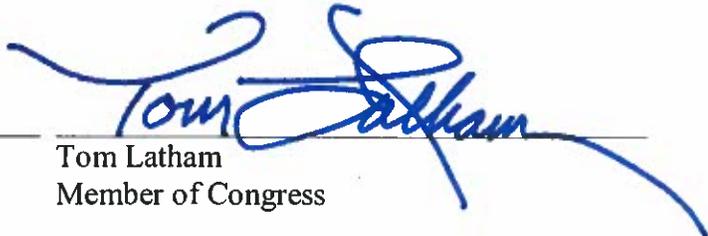
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