

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

August 31, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write today in support of Governor Andy Beshear's request, dated August 18, 2023, for a Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky in response to the damage caused by recent severe storms.

Effective July 19, 2023, Governor Beshear declared the Commonwealth of Kentucky to be in a State of Emergency. Due to the severity of the weather event, local states of emergency were declared for Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Graves, and Green counties. These counties and other areas of Western Kentucky experienced widespread flooding, record-breaking rainfall, and an Enhanced Fujita (EF) Scale 1 tornado.

As you know, Kentucky has experienced multiple disasters over the past several years resulting in more than \$1 billion in damages. The significant flooding from the recent severe storms impacted areas still recovering from the catastrophic tornadoes on December 10, 2021, and other severe weather events.

We respectfully urge you to give prompt consideration to Governor Beshear's request for a Major Disaster Declaration. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need further assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,



Rand Paul, M.D.
United States Senator



Mitch McConnell
United States Senator



Hal Rogers
Member of Congress



Morgan McGarvey
Member of Congress



Andy Barr
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