

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 20, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's request for a federal disaster declaration for 16 Illinois counties – Bureau, Crawford, Henderson, Knox, Livingston, Marshall, Mason, McDonough, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Schuyler, Stark, Tazewell, Warren and Woodford – to be added to the recent Presidential disaster declaration for 11 counties affected by a flash and river flooding that occurred last month. We fully support federal aid for these sixteen additional counties, which will ensure people there have access to funding sources they need to rebuild.

A disaster declaration for these additional counties would allow people affected by flooding to apply for federal loans and reimbursements to help pay for storm and flood damage repairs. Specifically, the request is for Individual Assistance funding, which provides assistance to individuals and businesses to help with temporary housing, home repairs or replacement and other disaster-related expenses.

We respectfully request that you make the necessary declaration so that these counties can receive the assistance they need. We thank you in advance for your timely consideration of this important request and stand ready to assist in any way appropriate.

Sincerely,

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