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The Honorable Barack Obama  
The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Dear President Obama:

We are writing to bring to your attention a letter from Governor Steve Beshear requesting a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We respectfully urge you to give this request the immediate and serious consideration warranted by the precarious situation of Kentucky families, businesses and first responders.

On March 2, 2012, devastating storms which included hurricane force winds, multiple tornados and flooding swept through the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As a result, at least 21 lives were lost and 48 counties in Kentucky suffered extensive damage to public and private property. The Governor has already issued a disaster declaration for these counties under state law and is now requesting federal assistance.

As the Governor conveyed in his letter, the severity and scope of the damage caused by these storms is beyond the capabilities of the Commonwealth and the local governments that have been affected. Preliminary estimates indicate that the cost of the damage is well in excess of the \$5.8 million expenditure threshold required for consideration of federal disaster assistance in accordance with provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Immediate consideration of the Governor's disaster declaration request on your part would aid Kentucky communities so severely affected by this most recent disaster.

Thank you in advance for your prompt action on this matter. Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,

  
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