

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 28, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20502-0001

Dear President Biden,

We write in support of Governor Andy Beshear's March 27, 2023, request for a Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a result of the severe storm event that began on February 14, 2023, and continuing until February 20, 2023.

On February 24, 2023, Governor Beshear issued a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth in response to thunderstorms, hail, and high winds that produced gusts as high as 60 miles per hour that affected wide swaths of the Commonwealth. In some counties, continued and heavy rainfall also caused flash flooding, many of which have already been devastated by the historic July 2022 flooding disaster (DR-4663-KY). Tragically the Kentucky Department for Public Health has confirmed the deaths of two individuals, one of Marion County and one of Bath County. This weather event caused long and sustained power outages across the Commonwealth and severely damaged both public and private properties. In addition, the flooding brought mudslides and landslides to many communities and multiple counties have reported the loss of both public and private bridges, and other infrastructure losses. In particular, Governor Beshear has requested FEMA Public Assistance for 22 counties Bell, Breathitt, Caldwell, Carter, Clay, Elliot, Floyd, Harlan, Hart, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Whitley, and Wolfe counties.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has endured several weather disasters in recent years. This event comes on the heels of some of the worst events Kentucky has ever seen. We appreciate your previous support to help our communities, but additional federal assistance is necessary. Thank you for your timely consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



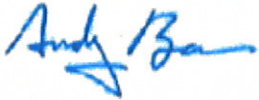
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