

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 31, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington, D.C. 20500-0001

Dear President Trump:

We write to draw your attention to the March 26, 2020 letter from Governor Andy Beshear requesting a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky as result of severe weather commencing on February 3, 2020, with flooding continuing through February 29, 2020. We strongly support this request and ask for your timely consideration.

This severe weather system included extended periods of heavy rain, which produced flooding, mudslides, and landslides across the Commonwealth. The excessive rainfall was relentless and there were little or no intervening breaks between heavy rain events. The southeastern portion of the state particularly was severely impacted with some areas receiving in excess of 10 inches of rainfall. During this almost month-long period, 28 counties were severely affected, including Bell, Boyd, Butler, Clay, Fulton, Harlan, Henderson, Hickman, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, McCracken, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Morgan, Monroe, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Union, and Whitley.

Unfortunately, this devastating series of weather events resulted in three fatalities across the Commonwealth, and imposed significant property damage and power outages. The citizens of Kentucky are in need of federal resources to respond to these events. The current circumstances related to COVID-19 have made a strong local response even more difficult.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request, which will aid Kentucky communities in a critical time of need. Thank you in advance for your prompt action in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Hal Rogers  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

  
Mitch McConnell  
UNITED STATES SENATOR



Rand Paul  
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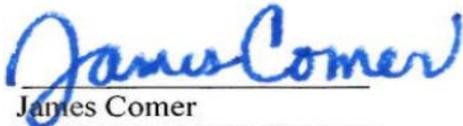
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