

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

August 2, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington, D.C. 20500-0001

Dear President Biden,

We appreciate your expedited announcement of a Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4663-KY) for the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the disastrous and historic flooding beginning on July 26, 2022 and ongoing. We again write to you in support of Governor Beshear's August 1, 2022 request to include the addition of Floyd, Johnson, Leslie, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, and Pike counties as eligible for Individual Assistance under this declaration.

As you know, the immense rainfall and flash flooding that occurred in eastern Kentucky has unleashed pure devastation and this remains an ongoing situation. Latest reports indicate that at least 35 people are confirmed dead, and search and rescue teams are continuing their heroic efforts to locate and retrieve individuals still missing. Thousands of individuals and households have reached out to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in search of recovery answers. As families begin to try to rebuild their lives and homes, federal individual assistance is critical to ensuring any further suffering is limited and alleviated.

Again, we greatly appreciate your expedited disaster assistance to date, and hope you will continue this request promptly.

Sincerely,



Mitch McConnell  
UNITED STATES SENATOR



Rand Paul, M.D.  
UNITED STATES SENATOR



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