

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 13, 2022

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

Dear President Biden,

We write today in support of Governor Beshear's September 13, 2022 request to modify the Major Disaster Declaration (DR-4663-KY) for the flooding in eastern Kentucky to reflect a 90 percent federal cost share.

As you know from your visit last month to eastern Kentucky, the toll this flooding event took on the Commonwealth is devastating. We have tragically lost 40 Kentuckians, in addition to excessive loss of private property and critical infrastructure. Many Kentuckians are still living in temporary shelters, and the recovery is only beginning for so many families in the affected communities.

We appreciated your August 6, 2022 announcement increasing the federal cost share arrangement for this disaster to 100 percent for a 30-day period within the first 120 days of the declaration. However, we are concerned that further federal assistance is necessary. The sparsely populated counties that were affected by this disaster were already facing daunting challenges in terms of limited budgetary resources; the damage to the area's economy and infrastructure have only exacerbated those challenges, making it unlikely that these counties will have the capacity to meet a potential 25 percent non-federal match outside of the 30-day, 100 percent federal cost share period for debris removal and emergency protective measures.

We strongly support the Governor's request to modify the disaster declaration to reflect a 90 percent federal cost share. As Kentucky recovers from this significant disaster event, we respectfully thank you for your continued consideration and support.

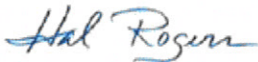
Sincerely,



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