

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

August 16, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We respectfully ask that you promptly grant the request made by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds for an expedited review of the major disaster declaration for the State of Iowa as a result of severe storms on August 10, 2020. This weather caused significant damage to public infrastructure and private property.

Governor Reynolds has requested Hazard Mitigation statewide and activation of the Public Assistance and Individual Assistance. Public Assistance was requested for Benton, Boone, Cedar, Clinton, Dallas, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Marshall, Muscatine, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Story, and Tama counties. Individual Assistance was requested for Audubon, Benton, Boone, Cass, Cedar, Clarke, Clinton, Dallas, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hardin, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Madison, Marshall, Muscatine, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Story, Tama, and Washington Counties.

The storm damage to residential and commercial structures along with the extended periods of power outages, many still without power, has exacerbated the situation for residents already experiencing financial and food insecurity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wind damage also caused devastating impacts to agricultural land. It is estimated that 13 million acres of corn was lost, just prior to harvest, devastating the agricultural industry. These lost acres account for approximately 33 percent of cropland across the state.

The Governor determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments, and supplementary federal assistance is necessary to save lives and to protect property, public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a disaster.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,




Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senator



Joni K. Ernst  
United States Senator



Abby Finkenauer  
United States Representative



Dave Loebsack  
United States Representative



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