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September 28, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
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Dear Mr. President:

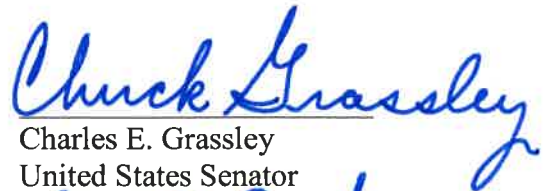
We strongly support the request of the Governor of Iowa, Kim Reynolds, to appeal the decision of September 14, 2018, denying Individual Assistance under FEMA-4392-DR for Marshall and Polk counties. As the Governor points out in the letter of appeal, "Damage from the July 19, 2018 tornadoes occurred over multiple counties in Iowa, however greater than 99 percent of damages and impacts to individuals occurred within a concentrated geographic area within the city of Marshalltown. This more concentrated area contains the majority of low-to-moderate-income housing within the community as well as many of the major companies that employ these people." It is our understanding that the majority of those families and businesses impacted by the tornado are struggling to recover. We are aware of the subjectivity and complex calculations that go into granting Individual Assistance. Therefore, we ask you to look at the federal assistance that is vitally needed for long-term recovery in Iowa and ask that this appeal receive all due consideration.

Thank you for your time and prompt consideration of this appeal.

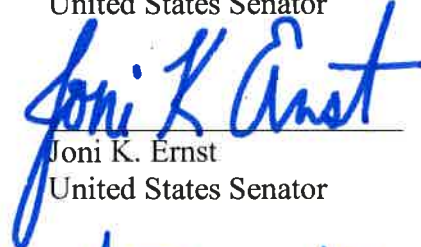
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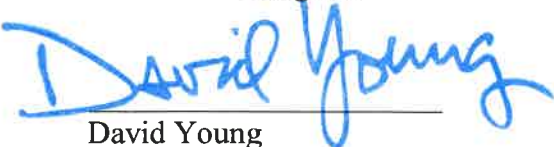
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