

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

May 14, 2024

The Honorable Thomas Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

We respectfully ask that you swiftly grant the request made by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig for an immediate issuance of U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretarial Designation and activation of any and all eligible assistance for the affected eight counties as a result of severe storms, including twenty-four tornadoes impacting Iowa, on April 26-27, 2024.

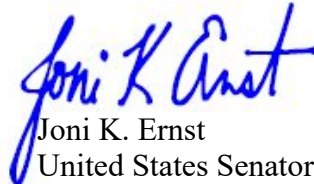
A significant emergency response was needed as a result of these severe storms, which caused damage to grain bins and farm equipment, impacting Iowa farmers in Clarke, Harrison, Mills, Polk, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby, and Union counties.


Governor Reynolds and Secretary Naig have requested Disaster Assistance programs only offered through the Farm Service Agency following a Secretarial Designation, including the Farm Loans Program and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock Program.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this important request.


Sincerely,


Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator


Joni K. Ernst
United States Senator


Mariannette Miller-Meeke, M.D.
United States Representative


Ashley Hinson
United States Representative


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