

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

June 24, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
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 major disaster declaration for the State of Iowa as a result of several extremely broad supercell storms that produced exorbitant amounts of rain on June 22, 2024. Preliminary impact reports indicated widespread damage, large amounts of debris, and record flooding across the state. This severe weather caused significant damage to public infrastructure and private property.

Governor Reynolds has requested Hazard Mitigation statewide and activation of the Public and Individual Assistance Programs. Public Assistance was requested for twenty-two counties: Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Floyd, Hancock, Humboldt, Kossuth, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sioux, Webster, Winnebago, Woodbury, Worth, and Wright. Individual Assistance and Small Business Administration disaster loans were requested for nine counties: Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Plymouth, and Sioux.


The Governor has 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.

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-Meeks, M.D.
United States Representative


Ashley Hinson
United States Representative


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United States Representative


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