

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 13, 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 a major disaster declaration for the State of Iowa as a result of severe winter storms that produced heavy snow, blizzard conditions, and life-threatening cold from January 8 through January 14, 2024. A significant emergency response was needed as a result of these severe winter storms, which caused significant damage to public infrastructure and private property.

Governor Reynolds has requested Hazard Mitigation statewide and activation of the Public Assistance Program. Public Assistance was requested for the following eighteen counties: Adair, Black Hawk, Cedar, Clinton, Davis, Delaware, Dubuque, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Lucas, Montgomery, Polk, Scott, Story, Wapello and Washington.


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

  
Zach Nunn  
United States Representative

  
Randy Feenstra  
United States Representative