Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 11, 2024

The Honorable Deanne Criswell Administrator Federal Emergency Management Agency US Department of Homeland Security 500 C Street SW Washington D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Criswell:

We support the State of Iowa's supplemental request for approval for Non-Congregate Sheltering (NCS) in relation to the three federally declared disasters that occurred within 51 days. There is great need for the NCS option to help survivors as they start the long recovery process. This program will help provide a lifeline to communities, many rural, with little to no alternative housing options. Helping these survivors remain in their communities, kids enroll in their schools, people busy at their jobs, and people near their support systems as they recover is important for the well-being of both the communities and individuals impacted by these disasters.

Thank you for your time and prompt review and approval of this request. Please let any of our offices know if we may be of assistance through this process.

Sincerely,

Joni K. Ernst

United States Senator

United States Senator

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.

United States Representative

Ashley Hinson

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