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DATE RECEIVED: 2/27/2008

CASE ID: 747032

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RICHARD J. DURBIN

DI002

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH'S REQUEST TO DECLARE EIGHT COUNTIES IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS SNOW EMERGENCY AREAS AS A RESULT OF HEAVY SNOWFALL ON FEB 05 AND 06

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February 27, 2008

TO: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: RICHARD DURBIN
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH'S REQUEST
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COMMENTS:

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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-2590.

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TO: DOCUMENT TRACKING UNIT, ROOM 84, OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - THE WHITE
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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 26, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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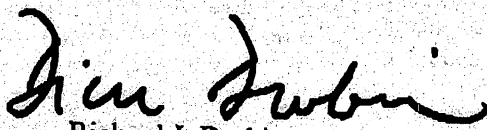
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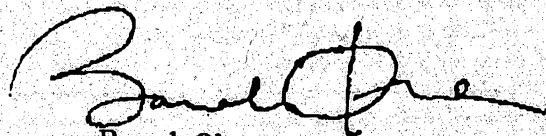
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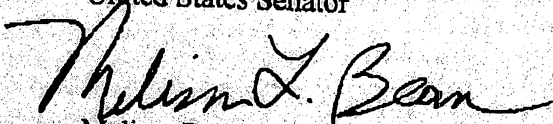
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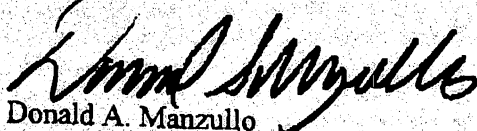
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Abrisch, Todd L

From: Glen, Thomas
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 8:59 AM
To: Abrisch, Todd L
Subject: FW: Illinois Federal Disaster Declaration Fact Sheet
Attachments: IL 1747 fs.doc

FYI notification to Illinois delegation

Tom Glen

*Congressional Affairs Specialist
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From: Glen, Thomas
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 3:24 PM
Subject: Illinois Federal Disaster Declaration Fact Sheet

Good afternoon,

On March 7, 2008, President Bush declared a major disaster for the State of Illinois, triggering the release of Federal funds to help individuals recover from severe storms and flooding which occurred January 7, 2008, and continuing. This declaration specifically authorizes **Individual Assistance for Iroquois and Livingston Counties**. Additional details of the disaster declaration and assistance programs are provided on the attached fact sheet.

Please contact FEMA's Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 646 4500 with any questions.

Best regards,

Tom Glen

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Office of Legislative Affairs
202-646-4500

State of Illinois Federal Disaster Declaration Fact Sheet

March 7, 2008

On March 7, 2008, President Bush declared a major disaster for the State of Illinois, triggering the release of Federal funds to help individuals recover from severe storms and flooding which occurred January 7, 2008, and continuing. Details of the disaster declaration and assistance programs are as follows.

Declaration Number: FEMA-1747-DR

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding

Incident Period: January 7, 2008, and continuing

Federal Coordinating Officer: Lawrence Sommers
National FCO Program

Type of Assistance: Individual Assistance: (Assistance to individuals and households)

Designated Counties: Iroquois and Livingston Counties.

Type of Assistance: Hazard Mitigation: (Assistance to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards):

Designated Counties: All counties in the State of Illinois are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation.

If you have any questions or need additional information on this Federal disaster declaration please call Tom Glen at (202) 646-4500, FAX number (202) 646-3600.

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

February 26, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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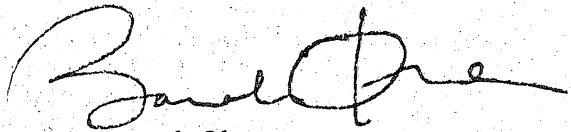
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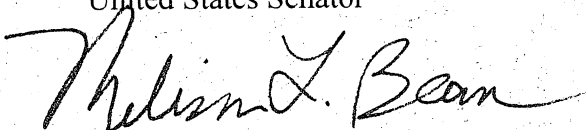
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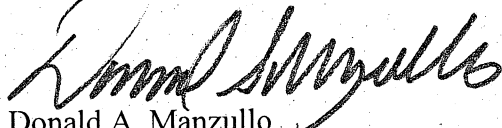
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Collection Code: **SECLOG**

Staff Name:

Document Date: **02/21/2008**

Correspondent: **THE HONORABLE R. DAVID PAULISON & 1 additional
correspondent(s)**

Subject/Description: **REQUEST FOR A DISASTER DECLARATION FOR THE
STATE OF KENTUCKY RESULTING FROM SEVERE
STORMS. TORNADOES, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS, AND
FLOODING DURING THE PERIOD OF FEB 05 08 - FEB 06
08 (APPROVED)**

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 21, 2008

The Honorable R. David Paulison
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Mr. Paulison:

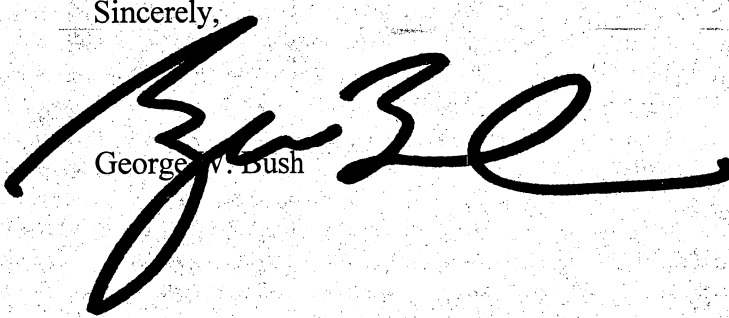
I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the Commonwealth of Kentucky resulting from severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding during the period of February 5-6, 2008, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the Commonwealth, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act that you deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation and Other Needs Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Public Assistance is later requested and warranted, Federal funds provided under that program also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs, except for any particular projects that are eligible for a higher Federal cost-sharing percentage under the FEMA Public Assistance Pilot Program instituted pursuant to 6 U.S.C. § 777.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Sincerely,


George W. Bush

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 21, 2008

The Honorable Steven L. Beshear
Governor of Kentucky
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

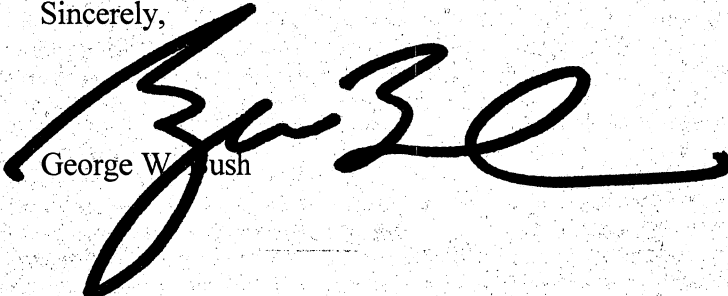
Dear Governor Beshear:

I have declared a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), for the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to damage resulting from severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding during the period of February 5-6, 2008. I have authorized Federal relief and recovery assistance in the affected areas.

Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be provided. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation and Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs in the designated areas.

The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will coordinate Federal assistance efforts and designate specific areas eligible for such assistance. The Federal Coordinating Officer will be Mr. Michael Bolch of FEMA. He will consult with you and assist in the execution of the FEMA-State Agreement for disaster assistance governing the expenditure of Federal funds.

Sincerely,


George W. Bush


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STAFF SECRETARY

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472

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	Todd Abrisch	Phone:	(202) 646-4500
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Good Morning Erica,

Please use this to close White House Tracking # 747220. FEMA responded on 1/30/08.
Thank you.

Todd

Abrisch, Todd L

From: Glen, Thomas
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 9:46 AM
To: Abrisch, Todd L
Subject: FW: State of Indiana Federal Disaster Declaration Fact Sheet
Importance: High
Attachments: IN.1740.fs.doc

This is the email that went to the IN delegation. Make sure the incident period lines up with that letter.

Tom Glen

*Congressional Affairs Specialist
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From: Glen, Thomas
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 7:16 PM
Subject: State of Indiana Federal Disaster Declaration Fact Sheet
Importance: High

Good evening,

On January 30, 2008, President Bush declared a major disaster for the State of Indiana, triggering the release of Federal funds to help individuals recover from severe storms and flooding which occurred January 7, 2008, and continuing. Details of the disaster declaration and assistance programs are attached.

Please contact FEMA's Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 646 4500.

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State of Indiana Federal Disaster Declaration Fact Sheet

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**FEMA**Office of Legislative Affairs
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State of Indiana Federal Disaster Declaration Fact Sheet

January 30, 2008

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Declaration Number: FEMA-1740-DR

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding

Incident Period: January 7, 2008, and continuing

Federal Coordinating Officer: Michael H. Smith
National FCO Program

Type of Assistance: Individual Assistance: (Assistance to individuals and households)

Designated Counties: Carroll, Cass, Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Marshall, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, and White Counties

Type of Assistance: Hazard Mitigation: (Assistance to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards):

Designated Counties: All counties in the State of Indiana are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation.

If you have any questions or need additional information on this Federal disaster declaration please call Tom Glen at (202) 646-4500, FAX number (202) 646-3600.

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DATE RECEIVED: 2/29/2008

CASE ID: 747220

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE STEVE BUYER

DI002

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR DANIELS' REQUEST FOR FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE AS A RESULT OF THE DAMAGE FROM FLOODING EARLIER IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY IN NORTHERN INDIANA

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March 04, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 747220

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: JANUARY 24, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: STEVE BUYER
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR DANIELS' REQUEST FOR
FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE AS A RESULT OF THE
DAMAGE FROM FLOODING EARLIER IN THE MONTH OF
JANUARY IN NORTHERN INDIANA

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National FCO Program

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Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding

Incident Period: January 7, 2008, and continuing

Federal Coordinating Officer: Michael H. Smith
National FCO Program

Type of Assistance: Individual Assistance: (Assistance to individuals and households)

Designated Counties: Carroll, Cass, Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Marshall, Pulaski,
Tippecanoe, and White Counties

Type of Assistance: Hazard Mitigation: (Assistance to State and local governments
and certain private nonprofit organizations for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to
life and property from natural hazards):

Designated Counties: All counties in the State of Indiana are eligible to apply for
assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation.

If you have any questions or need additional information on this Federal disaster declaration please
call Tom Glen at (202) 646-4500, FAX number (202) 646-3600.

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Good Morning Erica,

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Thank you.

Todd

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4TH DISTRICT, INDIANA

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in support of Governor Mitch Daniels' request for federal disaster assistance as a result of the damage from flooding earlier this month in Northern Indiana. The Governor has requested federal help to alleviate the impact of the storm and its after-effects in which over 800 homes were damaged, 400 of which sustained major damage or were destroyed.

Damage from severe flooding began on January 8 as the result of a rapid snow melt caused by record warm temperatures. The snow had collected from several December storms and the volume of water it created by melting was too much for the rivers to handle. In some areas residents have had to evacuate twice because of water levels and huge ice jams, in one case up to a mile in length that caused additional threats to life and property.

The magnitude of this storm has left many families without homes, caused damage to businesses and to local infrastructure. As someone who grew up along the Tippecanoe River, I know the devastating harm that water can cause when you have a historic flood like the one that swallowed that river, the Kankakee River, and other waterways.

Please know that local officials and emergency response agencies did an outstanding job to protect life and property. FEMA officials were on the ground shortly after the incident began, continue to assess the damage, and have remained in constant contact with my office as well as State and local officials.

At one time or another I have represented eight of the nine counties that were affected. Currently, I represent parts of White County and Tippecanoe County. These are proud people who work hard and do not look to the federal government first for assistance. However, due to the devastating nature of the storms and flooding, federal help is needed. I look forward to working with the State and my colleagues in Congress to make the case for federal assistance for the flood victims.

Best Regards,

Steve Buyer
Member of Congress

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DATE RECEIVED: 02/29/2008

CASE ID: 747283

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BLANCHE LINCOLN

DI002

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS GOVERNOR MIKE BEEBE'S REQUEST FOR A PRESIDENTIAL
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AS A RESULT OF
FIRE DAMAGE IN SEBASTIAN COUNTY ON JAN 29 08

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: BLANCHE LINCOLN
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS GOVERNOR MIKE BEEBE'S REQUEST FOR A
PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR THE STATE
OF ARKANSAS AS A RESULT OF FIRE DAMAGE IN SEBASTIAN
COUNTY ON JAN 29 08

COMMENTS:

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United States Senate

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February 28, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

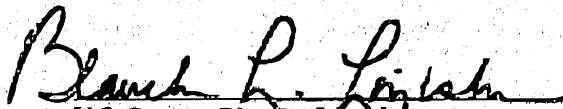
We are writing in support of Governor Mike Beebe's request for a Presidential declaration of emergency for the State of Arkansas as a result of fire damage in Sebastian County. On January 29, 2008, severe fires caused by high winds burned 155 buildings on more than 100 acres of land at the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority (FCRA), formerly the Fort Chaffee National Guard and Army Reserve facility. The nature of buildings destroyed in the fires makes this situation unique. The Fort Chaffee buildings were former Army barracks and other buildings that contained asbestos and lead based paint. For this reason, clean-up costs are estimated at \$4.6 million.

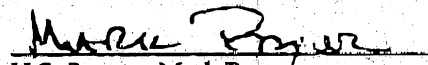
Pursuant to the provision of Section 501(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, we ask that Sebastian County, Arkansas receive an emergency disaster designation for the clean-up cost. We would also like to specifically request that Sebastian County be eligible for Public Assistance and direct Federal assistance.

As you know, we represent a predominantly rural state where municipal governments are often ill-equipped to respond to disasters of this magnitude. We have no doubt that all available resources at the state and local level are being used, but federal assistance will be needed to help this community recover. The FCRA plays a critical role in economic development for Sebastian County and the surrounding communities. We and our constituents worry that the FCRA may suffer economic difficulties if burdened with the extensive cost of clean-up associated with these fires.

Mr. President, we respectfully request your consideration and approval of this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln


U.S. Senator Mark Pryor

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☒ **Senator Pryor, Mark** ☐ **Senator Lincoln, Blanche**

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Office of Legislative Affairs (Group)

Addressed To R. David Paulison

Classification* FEMA

Subject Senators Pryor and Lincoln wrote in support of a Presidential Declaration for Arkansas due to January 29, 2008 wild fires

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The Honorable Blanche Lincoln
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lincoln:

Thank you for your letter dated February 28, 2008, cosigned by Senator Pryor, to R. David Paulison, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), supporting Governor Mike Beebe's request for an emergency disaster declaration for the State of Arkansas due to fire damage and high winds occurring on January 29, 2008.

Governor Beebe's request is currently under review. When a decision is made, we will notify your office of the outcome. I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact FEMA's Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 646-4500.

Sincerely,

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Dan Shulman
Director
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The Honorable Mark Pryor
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pryor:

Thank you for your letter dated February 28, 2008, cosigned by Senator Lincoln, to R. David Paulison, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), supporting Governor Mike Beebe's request for an emergency disaster declaration for the State of Arkansas due to fire damage and high winds occurring on January 29, 2008.

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Dan Shulman
Director
Office of Legislative Affairs

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DATE RECEIVED: 03/03/2008

CASE ID: 747284

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JO ANN EMERSON

DI002

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS GOVERNOR MATT BLUNT'S REQUEST TO DECLARE FOURTEEN COUNTIES IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI A FEDERAL DISASTER RESULTING FROM ICE STORMS ON FEB 10 AND FEB 14

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JO ANN EMERSON
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

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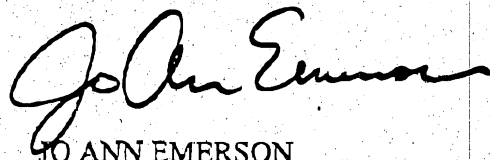
Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to request your assistance concerning my constituents who were severely impacted by recent ice storms. Fourteen counties in my congressional district had catastrophic damage as a direct result of the storm system that moved through southern Missouri between February 10 and February 14. I am requesting that you grant Governor Matt Blunt's request and declare these counties a federal disaster.

This request is based on preliminary assessments that totaled more than \$13.8 million to public infrastructure in this region of the state.

Thank you for your consideration of Governor Blunt's request. I look forward to public assistance benefitting the impacted areas so that these communities might see a speedy return to normalcy.

Sincerely,



JO ANN EMERSON
Member of Congress

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747284

March 6, 2008

The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Emerson:

Thank you for your letter dated February 28, 2008, to President George W. Bush, supporting Governor Matt Blunt's request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Missouri due to severe storms and tornadoes occurring February 10-14, 2007.

The White House forwarded your letter to the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) because we coordinate the President's disaster assistance programs.

The Governor's request is currently under review. When a decision is made, we will notify your office of the outcome. I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact FEMA's Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 646-4500.

Sincerely,

Dan Shulman
Director
Office of Legislative Affairs

cc: The White House

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February 28, 2008

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JO ANN EMERSON
Member of Congress

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Correspondent: **KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO**

Subject/Description: **WHILE YOU ARE IN NEW ORLEANS TO MARK THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE KATRINA, YOU ARE SEEING FIRSTHAND THE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS UNDERWAY. AS CONGRESS RECONVENES NEXT MONTH, I AM ASKING YOU, TO TAKE SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS TO EXPEDITE OUR RECOVERY AND ENSURE OUR LONG-TERM SECURITY.**

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KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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August 29, 2007

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

While you are in New Orleans to mark the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, you are seeing firsthand the significant progress underway. Nowhere is this progress more evident than in the classrooms you visit at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology, in the Lower Ninth Ward.

I know you will agree we have come a long way since the storms of 2005, but there is still a long way to go. Louisiana has invested over \$4.9 billion in our own recovery. We are doing our part, and we will continue to do what it takes to guarantee a full recovery. However, Louisiana cannot go this route alone. We need a renewed and sustained commitment from our federal partners – both Congress and your Administration – to work with us over the long haul, until our work is done.

As Congress reconvenes next month, I am asking you, as I have asked them, to take several significant actions to expedite our recovery and ensure our long-term security. Please consider the following four actions as crucial steps to supplement our ongoing work.

First, I am asking you to support the federal funding needed to fill the Road Home shortfall. Louisiana has already put up \$1 billion towards this funding gap. As you know, the eligible universe of program applicants of more than 184,000 families far exceeds even the most generous FEMA estimates. I am also once again asking you to intervene and free up the federal red tape holding hostage the \$1.2 billion in hazard mitigation funding we are banking on for the Road Home program.

The extent of the damage and the magnitude of the loss is unprecedented in scope; therefore, it will take unprecedented actions by all of us to provide fair and equitable relief to the affected homeowners. You will be pleased to know that more than 45,000 families have already received their awards, as is evident by the increased pace of rebuilding. We must move quickly in order to build on this momentum.

Second, I am asking you to sign the Water Resources Development Act [WRDA] into law at the earliest moment possible. At a time when our nation is evaluating with new urgency the wear and tear on our infrastructure, I can assure you that WRDA is the single most important infrastructure bill for Louisiana. WRDA will provide billions of dollars in urgently needed authorization for Louisiana to strengthen our levee system, and it provides relief for coastal restoration.

President George W. Bush
August 29, 2007
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With our coastal communities still vulnerable to future storms, this long awaited legislation must not be allowed to stall a day longer.

Third, I appreciate Chairman Powell's announcement that \$7.6 billion will be requested in your budget to secure 100-year levee protection. This is certainly a significant step in the right direction. However, I would like to bring to your attention an issue that will not impact my term as Governor, but will present a significant burden to whoever is elected the next Governor of Louisiana. It will be nearly impossible for Louisiana to come up with the full \$2.6 billion currently projected as the state's cost share to make these needed repairs to our federal levees. I urge you to consider waiving all or part of the federal cost share for these levee repairs and improvements in the years ahead.

Fourth, please support the efforts underway in Congress to ensure federal action this year to cut through federal red tape and reform the Stafford Act to better prepare for future catastrophes. As currently written, the Stafford Act serves to stifle growth and slowdown the recovery. There is no excuse for these roadblocks keeping people out of their homes, their schools and their businesses. I am confident you will agree we need to make the recovery relief efficient and responsive to the needs of people in the affected communities.

Listed above are four of the many actions we are working with Congress and your Administration to approve. We are also working with you to address the urgent needs for financial assistance to our health care providers, mental health services for our citizens, services to the homeless, and crime prevention. As we move forward, please know Louisiana understands and appreciates the generous and significant federal investments made in our recovery thus far.

As we commemorate the second anniversaries of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, let us all look anew at the progress we have made together, and at the important role a recovered Gulf Coast will play in the economic and energy security of this country. With the full help and support of our federal partners, Louisiana will be well on our way to sustaining a robust recovery. Thank you for bringing the full attention of your Administration to this request. You will not be disappointed by the results we can achieve working together in full partnership.

Sincerely yours,


Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

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KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
GOVERNOR



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DATE RECEIVED: 3/6/2008

CASE ID: 747752

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA

DI002

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE APPEAL DATED FEB 21 08 FROM ILLINOIS GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH ASKING THAT TWO COUNTIES IN THE STATE BE DECLARED FEDERAL DISASTER AREAS BASED ON RECENT SEVERE FLOODING THAT AFFECTED THE AREA

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March 13, 2008

TO: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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DOCUMENT DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2008

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FROM: BARACK OBAMA
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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February 21, 2008

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The Honorable George W. Bush
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of the appeal dated February 21, 2008, from Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich asking that two counties in the state be declared federal disaster areas based on recent severe flooding that affected the area. Governor Rod Blagojevich has already declared a state disaster for these counties.

The areas that experienced this flooding were Iroquois and Livingston counties located in Central and East Central Illinois. In the past week, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency has been on the ground reassessing the damage that was caused by the floods. They are reporting more than 1000 homes have been impacted with 237 homes classified as sustaining major damage. These updated reports significantly increase the numbers in the initial assessment. Furthermore, multiple businesses have been affected by these floods and some are still closed a month after the flooding.

The state and local governments do not have the resources to be able to attend to the substantial damage that affected both public and private property. Consequently, it is important that federal assistance be made available as soon as possible to help with the ongoing recovery effort in Iroquois and Livingston Counties.

Mr. President, we respectfully request that you make the necessary declaration so that the State of Illinois and the affected counties can receive federal disaster assistance. We thank you in advance for your timely consideration of this important appeal and stand ready to assist in any way appropriate.

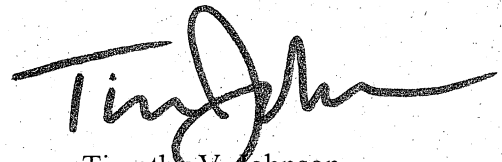
Sincerely,



Barack Obama
U.S. Senator



Richard Durbin
U.S. Senator



Timothy V. Johnson
U.S. Representative

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Abrisch, Todd L

From: Glen, Thomas
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 8:59 AM
To: Abrisch, Todd L
Subject: FW: Illinois Federal Disaster Declaration Fact Sheet
Attachments: IL.1747.fs.doc

FYI ... notification to Illinois delegation

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From: Glen, Thomas
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 3:24 PM
Subject: Illinois Federal Disaster Declaration Fact Sheet

Good afternoon,

On March 7, 2008, President Bush declared a major disaster for the State of Illinois, triggering the release of Federal funds to help individuals recover from severe storms and flooding which occurred January 7, 2008, and continuing. This declaration specifically authorizes **Individual Assistance for Iroquois and Livingston Counties**. Additional details of the disaster declaration and assistance programs are provided on the attached fact sheet.

Please contact FEMA's Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 646 4500 with any questions.

Best regards,

Tom Glen

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State of Illinois Federal Disaster Declaration Fact Sheet

March 7, 2008

On March 7, 2008, President Bush declared a major disaster for the State of Illinois, triggering the release of Federal funds to help individuals recover from severe storms and flooding which occurred January 7, 2008, and continuing. Details of the disaster declaration and assistance programs are as follows.

Declaration Number:	FEMA-1747-DR
Incident:	Severe Storms and Flooding
Incident Period:	January 7, 2008, and continuing
Federal Coordinating Officer:	Lawrence Sommers National FCO Program
Type of Assistance:	<u>Individual Assistance:</u> (Assistance to individuals and households)
Designated Counties:	Iroquois and Livingston Counties.
Type of Assistance:	<u>Hazard Mitigation:</u> (Assistance to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards):
Designated Counties:	All counties in the State of Illinois are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation.

If you have any questions or need additional information on this Federal disaster declaration please call Tom Glen at (202) 646-4500, FAX number (202) 646-3600.

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Correspondent: **THE HONORABLE R. DAVID PAULISON & 1 additional
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Subject/Description: **REQUEST FOR A MAJOR DISASTER FOR the STATE OF
ILLINOIS RESULTING FROM SEVERE STORMS AND
FLOODING BEGINNING ON JAN 07 08, AND CONTINUING.
(APPROVED)**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 2008

The Honorable R. David Paulison
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Mr. Paulison:

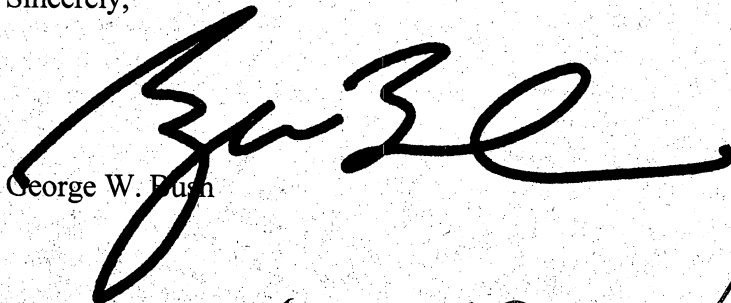
I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Illinois resulting from severe storms and flooding beginning on January 7, 2008, and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Illinois.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual Assistance in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act that you deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation and Other Needs Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Public Assistance is later requested and warranted, Federal funds provided under that program also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs, except for any particular projects that are eligible for a higher Federal cost-sharing percentage under the FEMA Public Assistance Pilot Program instituted pursuant to 6 U.S.C. § 777.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Sincerely,



George W. Bush

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 2008

The Honorable Rod R. Blagojevich
Governor of Illinois
207 State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois 62706

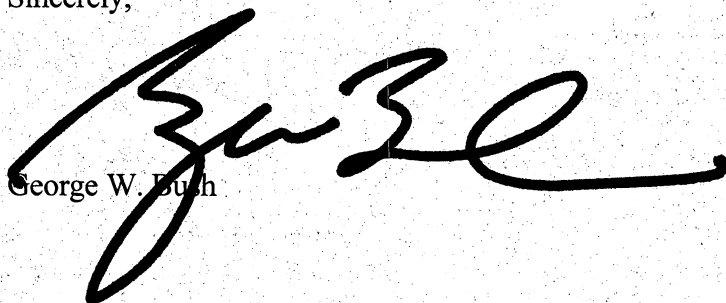
Dear Governor Blagojevich:

I have declared a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), for the State of Illinois due to damage resulting from severe storms and flooding beginning on January 7, 2008, and continuing. I have authorized Federal relief and recovery assistance in the affected areas.

Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be provided. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation and Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs in the designated areas.

The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will coordinate Federal assistance efforts and designate specific areas eligible for such assistance. The Federal Coordinating Officer will be Mr. Lawrence Sommers of FEMA. He will consult with you and assist in the execution of the FEMA-State Agreement for disaster assistance governing the expenditure of Federal funds.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "GWB", is written over the name George W. Bush.

George W. Bush