Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2021

The Honorable Deanne Criswell Administrator Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 500 C Street SW Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Administrator Criswell,

On April 7, 2021 we wrote to the Biden Administration in support of Governor Andy Beshear's request for a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the torrential weather events and subsequent disastrous flooding that occurred in late February through early March 2021. We sincerely appreciated that this request was granted on April 23, 2021, as this will greatly assist Kentucky communities in a desperate time of immense need.

We now write to you to support Governor Beshear's request for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to conduct damage assessments in the following 26 counties that also reported significant damages to residences: Anderson, Bell, Boyd, Calloway, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Greenup, Jackson, Jessamine, Knott, Laurel, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Todd, Warren and Woodford. As Governor Beshear noted in his request to FEMA, many households in these counties remain in critical need of individual assistance following the historic flooding that devastated the region. Many families have lost all belongings, furniture, appliances, and transportation, requiring many of them to restart their lives. The damage assessments that Governor Beshear has requested are a critical first step in ensuring these families receive the individual assistance they desperately need.

Again, we thank you for your initial major disaster declaration for parts of our region. We strongly support the Governor's request for damage assessments in these 26 counties and appreciate your urgent consideration.

Sincerely,

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