

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

August 25, 2017

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to respectfully request that you promptly consider the request Governor Scott Walker made earlier this week for a major disaster declaration for the State of Wisconsin. This appeal comes as a result of July rain storms and the subsequent flood damage that occurred across 11 western Wisconsin counties.


From July 19-23, strong storms brought severe flood conditions to Buffalo, Crawford, Iowa, Grant, Lafayette, Monroe, Jackson, La Crosse, Vernon, Richland and Trempealeau counties. The storms caused flash flooding in multiple communities and rural areas across these counties. Several creeks and rivers also rose to major flood stage and overflowed their banks.

We base our support on the damage assessment qualifications the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) utilizes to determine if a weather event qualifies as a major disaster. Estimates show that including the costs of emergency response and recovery efforts, the flooding events have caused more than \$10 million in damage to roads, bridges and other public infrastructure. Hundreds of our constituents were forced to evacuate their homes and spend time in emergency shelters. Thankfully, there was no loss of life reported.

We fully support Governor Walker's request for federal support from FEMA's Public Assistance Program, which will allow these counties to gain substantive financial relief as they continue to recover from the widespread damage.

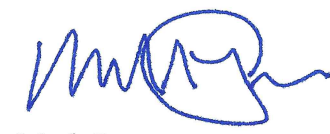
Sincerely,

  
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United States Senator

  
Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senator

  
Ron Kind  
Member of Congress

  
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Mark Pocan  
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