

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 21, 2018

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to request federal assistance for communities impacted by recent storms and flooding in southcentral Wisconsin. We are already seeing severe damage to the impacted areas, including impassable roads and bridges and private property damage. Tragically, the flooding has resulted in the death of at least one individual. Dane County has declared a State of Emergency, and we believe that federal resources would help these communities recover and prevent additional damage.

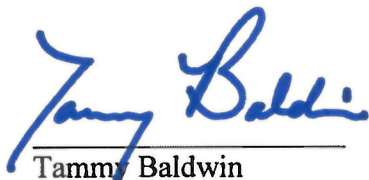
It is our understanding that the State of Wisconsin and Dane County are currently assessing the damage, the extent of which will determine whether the disaster meets the criteria for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster declaration. A FEMA disaster declaration makes critical federal funds available to reimburse local communities for needed damage repairs and recovery. Should Governor Walker make a request for FEMA to conduct damage assessments and seek a federal disaster declaration, we would strongly urge you to provide federal assistance and your full support.

The flooding damaged transportation infrastructure, and emergency managers were immediately at work assisting those stranded by flooded roads, mitigating impacts to roads and bridges, and assessing damages. As these communities continue to recover, we ask that you work quickly to make federal emergency transportation funding available to stabilize roads and ensure that residents have access to safe and reliable transportation.

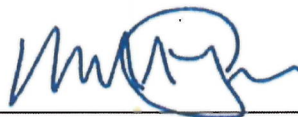
Finally, should the dedicated men and women of the Wisconsin National Guard be activated and mobilized to assist, we request that the Department of Defense provide all necessary support—as appropriate to the duty status in effect—to facilitate recovery efforts.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator



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Member of Congress

**Cc: The Honorable James Mattis, Secretary of Defense
The Honorable General Joseph Lengyel, Chief of the National Guard Bureau
The Honorable Brock Long, FEMA Administrator
The Honorable Brandy Hendrickson, Federal Highway Administration Deputy
Administrator**