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October 12, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to urge you to make federal Emergency Relief funds available to help repair roads damaged by severe storms and subsequent flooding in western Wisconsin.

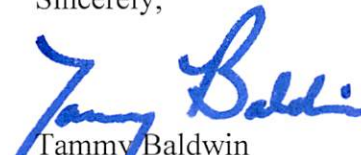
In July, severe storms caused devastating flooding and damage throughout northern Wisconsin. I appreciate your immediate attention to my letter requesting that federal emergency funds be made available without delay to repair roads and bridges. As a result, the U.S. Department of Transportation released \$4.15 million to help expedite repairs.

Two subsequent flooding events now require your attention. Severe storms on August 10-11 and September 21, 2016 triggered devastating widespread floods and mudslides that damaged homes, businesses and roads throughout western Wisconsin. Many roads remain closed and more than 80 sites in Buffalo, Chippewa, Crawford, Eau Claire, Richland, Trempealeau and Vernon counties have been identified as eligible for Emergency Relief by the Federal Highway Administration.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is now working with the Federal Highway Administration to secure relief funds to help repair roads and bridges damaged by the August and September floods in western Wisconsin. Again, I ask that federal Emergency Relief funds be made available without delay to ensure residents have access to a safe transportation system.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
U.S. Senator

CC: Gregory G. Nadeau, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration