

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

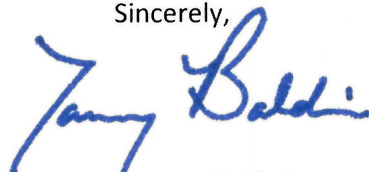
Dear Mr. President:

I write in full support of the July 20, 2018 request of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker for a major disaster declaration in the Wisconsin counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Clark, Douglas, and Iron following severe storms and flash flooding that damaged homes, businesses, and public infrastructure, including federal highways and federally-financed water infrastructure projects in June.

I travelled to Wisconsin shortly after the storms to meet with local officials and to tour the affected areas. There, I saw some of the flood damage, including a washed out section of U.S. Highway 2, a major artery across northern Wisconsin. In a June 28, 2018 letter, I wrote to you calling on the federal government to provide assistance should Governor Walker make a request seeking a federal disaster declaration. The Governor has determined that this incident requires immediate federal assistance after Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) damage assessments revealed that the total cost of debris clearance, emergency protective measures, and damage to public infrastructure was in excess of \$13.1 million.

This request is being made for the affected counties under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Federal resources are critical to ensure rapid and effective response and recovery. A major disaster declaration will also help ensure that Wisconsinites impacted by these storms can rebuild their communities with robust funding and support from the federal government. I respectfully urge you to promptly consider and approve Governor Walker's request for a major disaster declaration.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator