

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

July 23, 2015

The Honorable Barack H. Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

By facsimile: 202-456-3343

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of Missouri Governor Jay Nixon's request for a federal emergency disaster declaration for 70 of Missouri's 114 counties.

This request is the direct result of unprecedented flooding along the Missouri and Mississippi river systems. Federal assistance is authorized and allowed under the *Stafford Act* to assist counties recovering from the flood damage that recently occurred. A major disaster declaration will make critical federal assistance available to help our communities rebuild and recover.

Prolonged severe storm systems have generated tornadoes, straight line winds, torrential rain, hail, flooding and flash flooding across large portions of Missouri since May 15. To date, the serious flooding has resulted in the tragic loss of life in addition to the loss of property. The storm systems have resulted in damaged roads, bridges and other public infrastructure, along with homes and businesses.

We respectfully request that you issue the emergency disaster declaration so that these counties can receive assistance. We stand ready to assist in any way possible and appreciate your prompt consideration of this request.

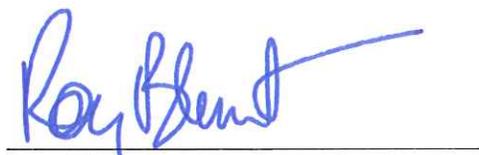
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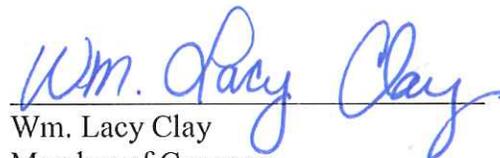
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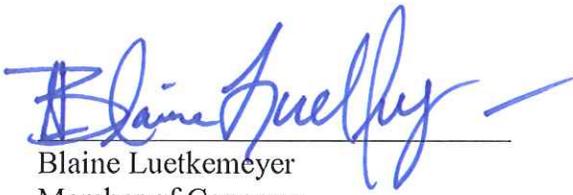
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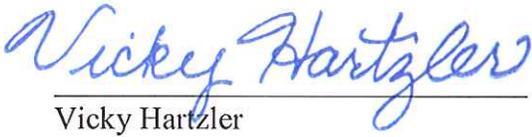
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