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## **Johnson Statement on Waterbury Flood Damage Estimate**

**WATERBURY, CT** – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson made the following statement today regarding Waterbury’s recent flood damage and new estimates about how much the clean-up will cost:

“The flash flooding caused considerable damage to Waterbury streets and infrastructure. It was astonishing to see the sink-holes in the streets and the mud-slides. And now we know that damage and the clean-up costs will total \$4.4 million in Waterbury, and more than \$5 million statewide,” Johnson said.

“I saw the destruction first-hand and have discussed the clean-up efforts with Waterbury officials. Early last week I called FEMA Director Paulison’s office to update the agency on the damage and to stress how costly it would be for state and local taxpayers. I will continue to work closely with state and local officials as they complete the process of applying for federal disaster aid. I thank the Governor, the Mayor and all the state and city workers who have worked tirelessly since the storm to clear the roads and repair the damage,” she concluded.

The clean-up and reconstruction costs from the flooding on June 2-3 total \$4.4 million for Waterbury and \$5 million statewide, according to figures compiled by independent experts, city officials and the state Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

On Monday, June 5, Johnson toured the flood damage with Waterbury Mayor Michael J. Jarjura’s Deputy Chief of Staff Joe Geary, and she attended a meeting of city department leaders and state emergency management officials to discuss the city’s aid application.

On Tuesday, June 6, Johnson called the office of The Honorable R. David Paulison, the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Acting Director, to update the Administration on the results of her tour and to make clear how the flood waters have damaged critical infrastructure.

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