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The Honorable Maria Contreras-Sweet
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd St, SW
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Contreras-Sweet:

I write to request the U.S. Small Business Administration's assistance in assessing and responding to damage caused by recent flooding in large portions of Missouri.

As you are likely aware, devastating flooding in the state has severely damaged a significant area. As a result of the damage, President Obama has issued a federal emergency declaration for Audrain, Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Boone, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Clark, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Hickory, Howard, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Jefferson, Laclede, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Maries, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Mississippi, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, New Madrid, Newton, Oregon, Osage, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Ralls, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, and Wright counties, in addition to the Independent City of St. Louis.

The flooding continues to take a significant toll on Missouri families, displacing many and forcing small businesses to close their doors against rising waters. As a result, I request that the U.S. Small Business Administration arrange for your Office of Disaster Assistance to begin surveying the extent of damage to the area, keeping in mind the need for individual-level assistance, including small business disaster loans, home disaster loans, and/or economic injury disaster loans.

In addition, should the President make Small Business Administration individual assistance available to Missourians in the affected area, I request that your staff keep my office informed of approved SBA disaster loans for this area.

I sincerely appreciate your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to working with you and your staff on these and future disaster recovery efforts impacting Missouri.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator