

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 21, 2016

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

Dear Mr. President:

We respectfully ask that you grant the request made by Governor Terry Branstad for a declaration of a major disaster for the State of Iowa as a result of severe weather that produced high winds, severe thunderstorms, heavy rains, hail, flash flooding, and resulted in riverine flooding from September 21 through October 3, 2016. This weather caused significant damage to public infrastructure and private property. The nineteen counties included in this request are Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, Des Moines, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Howard, Linn, Mitchell, Winneshiek, and Wright.

The Governor determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments to handle effectively and federal assistance is needed. In many locations, the flooding was at a near record level, second only to the flood of 2008.

Thank you for your prompt consideration and declaration of this major disaster for the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,



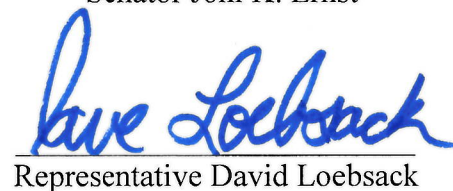
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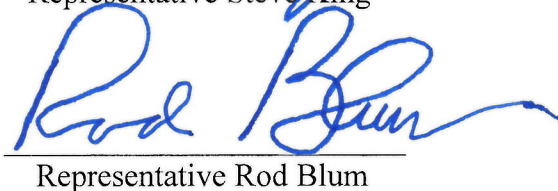
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