

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

President Joseph R. Biden
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write in support of Governor Michael Parson's request for a federal emergency disaster declaration authorized in thirty-three of Missouri's 114 counties in response to severe weather that began impacting Missouri on July 29.

On August 4, an EF-2 tornado in Knox County destroyed or caused major damage to more than thirty-five residences as well as the town's post office, fire station, and several other buildings. More than thirty people were displaced from their homes. That same night, torrential rain in Adair County led to flash flooding and dozens of emergency calls. On August 14, homes, roads and campgrounds in Bollinger County were hit by major flooding. Approximately six to eight inches of rain fell in a short amount of time throughout Bollinger County. The rising floodwaters required both state and local law enforcement to activate rescue teams.

Overall, hundreds of thousands of Missourians have lost power over the past month due to strong winds downing trees and utility poles. State and local governments continue to be burdened by the costs that have been incurred to protect our constituents and their towns.

We respectfully request your prompt action to ensure that these communities receive the immediate support needed to respond to the disaster. We appreciate your attention to this request, and we stand ready to assist our constituents in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Eric Schmitt
United States Senator



Jason Smith
Member of Congress



Josh Hawley
United States Senator



Emanuel Cleaver, II
Member of Congress



Sam Graves
Member of Congress



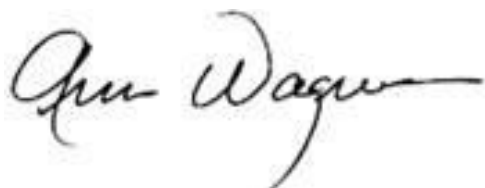
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