Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 14, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500-0005

Dear President Obama:

We are writing to bring to your attention a letter from Governor Steve Beshear requesting a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We respectfully urge you to give this request the timely and serious consideration that it deserves.

On June 19, 2011, devastating storms and flooding again swept through the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As a result, seven (7) counties in Southeastern Kentucky suffered extensive damage from the severe storms and flash flooding. The Governor has already issued a disaster declaration for these counties under state law and is now requesting federal assistance.

As the Governor conveyed in his letter, the Commonwealth has surpassed the $5.2 million expenditure threshold required for consideration of federal disaster assistance in accordance with provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Timely and serious consideration of the Governor's disaster declaration request on your part would aid Kentucky communities so severely affected by this most recent disaster.

Thank you in advance for your prompt action on this matter. Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,

Mitch McConnell

Rand Paul

Harold Rogers