

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 2, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
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 promptly grant the request made by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds for a major disaster declaration for the State of Iowa as a result of severe weather on December 15, 2021, which produced high winds, severe storms, and tornadoes. This weather caused significant damage to public infrastructure and private property.

Governor Reynolds has requested Hazard Mitigation statewide and activation of the Public Assistance. Public Assistance was requested for Appanoose, Audubon, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Cass, Cherokee, Davis, Emmet, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Howard, Humboldt, Mills, Mitchell, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Sac, Van Buren, Webster, Worth, and Wright counties.

This rapidly moving, powerful, low-pressure system moved rapidly across Iowa fueling a line of severe thunderstorms producing numerous tornadoes and hurricane-force thunderstorm wind gusts across the state and region. As of December 22, 2021, there were at least 43 confirmed tornadoes that occurred in Iowa on December 15, 2021, which set a new Iowa record for tornadoes on a single day.

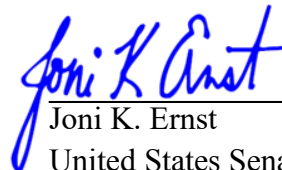
The Governor determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments, and supplementary federal assistance is necessary to save lives and to protect property, public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a disaster.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator



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United States Senator



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