

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 8, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500-0001

Dear President Biden,

We write today to call to your attention a February 4, 2022, letter from Governor Andy Beshear requesting a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the impacts of a severe weather system that occurred on December 31, 2021, and continued through January 2, 2022, and affected a number of areas throughout the Commonwealth. We respectfully urge you to give this request the timely and serious consideration that it deserves.

Widespread damage due to heavy rains, tornadoes, and high winds led Governor Beshear to declare a State of Emergency on January 1, 2022. Some thirteen counties sustained significant damage to property and public infrastructure, including electrical power interruptions and water system failures. Extensive flooding resulted in impassable roadways due to standing water, debris, landslides, and mudslides; additionally, the National Weather Service confirmed the touchdown of ten tornadoes on January 1, 2022.

We appreciate your prompt consideration of this request, which will greatly assist Kentuckians and their communities in time of considerable need. Again, thank you in advance for your quick action in this matter.

Sincerely,



Rand Paul, M.D.
UNITED STATES SENATE



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