

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 21, 2024

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

Dear President Biden,

We write in support of Governor Andy Beshear's June 14, 2024, request for a Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a result of severe storms that began on May 21, 2024, and continued until May 27, 2024.

On May 26, 2024, Governor Beshear issued a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth of Kentucky in response to a system of sixteen tornadoes, severe storms, and damaging straight-line winds. The event caused widespread power outages affecting over 213,000 households and lasting several weeks in some areas. Nearly half of Kentucky's 120 counties suffered severe damage to public and private property, some of which are still recovering from the historic December 2021 tornadoes (DR-4630-KY). Tragically, several Kentuckians perished and others sustained injuries during the storms.


Further, multiple hospitals and long-term care facilities were left without power for days, and two counties experienced hazardous chemical spills. In recent years, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has endured some of the deadliest and costliest disasters in its modern history. As Kentuckians continue to recover, we support Governor Andy Beshear's request for a Major Disaster Declaration that includes the Individuals and Households Assistance Program for 15 counties and the Public Assistance Program for 54 counties.

We appreciate your prompt consideration of this request, which will greatly assist Kentuckians and our communities. Thank you, again, for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mitch McConnell
UNITED STATES SENATOR



Rand Paul, M.D.
UNITED STATES SENATOR



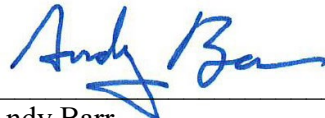
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