Congress of the United States

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 4, 2016

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to ask for your prompt support for the people of the State of Wisconsin following torrential rain, flash flooding, and mudslides. On September 22, 2016, Governor Walker declared a state of emergency for Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, and Vernon counties. This week, the Governor added Adams County to the list.

Beginning on September 21, 2016, torrential rain caused widespread flooding, mudslides, and damage to homes, businesses, roads, and bridges. The flooding also claimed the lives of two Wisconsin residents. At this time, we understand that the Governor has requested that the Federal Emergency Management Agency conduct a Preliminary Damage Assessment for Public Assistance in twelve counties. The Governor may seek additional Federal resources in the coming weeks to ensure an effective response beyond what capabilities the State and local governments can provide. If so, we urge you to promptly review the request for assistance for the State of Wisconsin, in a manner consistent with all laws, rules and regulations.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Johnson
United States Senator

Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator

Paul D. Ryan
Speaker

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