Congress of the United States

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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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, damaging winds, large hail, tornadoes, and flooding earlier this week. At this time, Governor Walker has declared a state of emergency for Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer, and Washburn counties.

Beginning on July 11, 2016, severe storms and strong winds caused flash flooding, downed trees and powerlines, and damage to homes, businesses, roads, and bridges. The flooding also claimed the lives of at least two individuals and forced the rescue of 33 others.

We understand that the Governor may seek additional Federal resources 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.

Sincerely,

Ron Johns

U.S. Senator

Sean Duffy

Member of Congress