

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

September 27, 2007

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

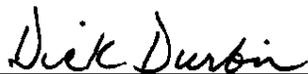
Dear President Bush:

As you continue to evaluate the request from Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich for federal disaster assistance for the State of Illinois due to the severe storms and flooding that occurred August 20, 2007, through August 31, 2007, we respectfully request that you give strong consideration to Cook, DuPage, and McHenry Counties.

As you are aware, six counties in Illinois recently received major disaster declarations. However, Cook, DuPage, and McHenry Counties, included in the Governor's request, were excluded from the disaster declaration. In these three counties 1, 534 homes were affected by the storms, while 225 suffered minor damage and 39 suffered major damage. We respectfully request that you make the necessary declaration as soon as possible so that the residents of these counties can receive federal disaster assistance to help the thousands of homes and businesses continuing to recover from this natural disaster.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Please let us know if we can provide additional information or be of assistance in any other way.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
U.S. Senator



Barack Obama  
U.S. Senator



Danny Davis  
U.S. Representative



Jan D. Schakowsky  
U.S. Representative



Judy Biggert  
U.S. Representative



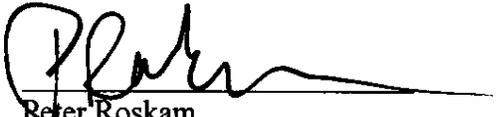
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U.S. Representative



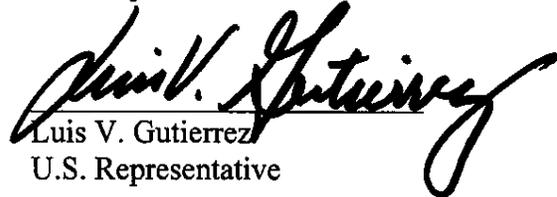
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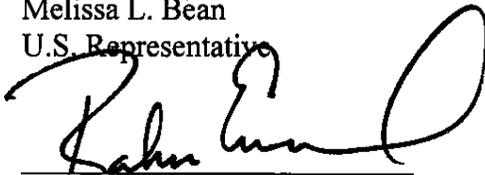
Jesse Jackson, Jr.  
U.S. Representative



Melissa L. Bean  
U.S. Representative



Luis V. Gutierrez  
U.S. Representative



Rahm Emanuel  
U.S. Representative

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Daniel Lipinski  
U.S. Representative