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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Recently, portions of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District were devastated during an outbreak of severe thunderstorms. Tornadoes, hail, high winds, and flash floods destroyed property and lives in much of the area I am privileged to represent, killing at least nine people throughout the state.

It has come to my attention that the Governor of Missouri has requested federal disaster declarations for a number of Show-Me State counties, including 16 counties in the Fourth District. During emergencies, citizens expect the government to provide assistance and readily deploy critical services.

So that Missourians can promptly begin to restore their property and rebuild their lives, I urge you to expedite the Governor's request and immediately declare a federal disaster for storm ravaged Missouri counties.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,



IKE SKELTON
Member of Congress

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