

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 14, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C. 20500-0001

Dear President Trump,

We write to call your attention to the April 11, 2025, letter from Governor Andy Beshear requesting a Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the torrential rain, flooding, and tornadoes that began on Wednesday, April 2. We strongly support this request and ask for your timely consideration.

This storm system produced historic levels of precipitation, with some portions of the Commonwealth receiving more than a foot of rain in just a few days. Excessive rainfall caused deadly flash flooding across the Commonwealth, prompting significant rescue efforts due to blocked roads from high water, mudslides, and downed trees. Several rivers and lakes crested at near-record levels, leading entire communities to evacuate to higher ground. Tragically, several Kentuckians are confirmed dead. Hundreds of homes and businesses have been impacted. Critical infrastructure has been severely damaged, and some Kentuckians were stranded without power or safe drinking water.

On April 2, 2025, Governor Beshear issued a State of Emergency. Federal, state, and local authorities have been working overtime assisting with water rescues, debris removal, and emergency infrastructure repairs. However, further federal assistance is necessary given the widespread nature of this disaster.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, which will provide assistance to communities in every corner of Kentucky during this critical time of need. Thank you in advance for your timely action on this matter.

Sincerely,



Mitch McConnell
UNITED STATES SENATOR



Rand Paul, M.D.
UNITED STATES SENATOR



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