

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 28, 2025

Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Mr. President,

We write in strong support of the State of Wisconsin's request for a Major Disaster Declaration following the devastating storms and flooding that struck Wisconsin on August 9 and 10, 2025. As outlined in the State of Wisconsin's request, these unprecedented events have overwhelmed the capacity of state and local governments and caused extensive damage to homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure across southeastern Wisconsin.

Rainfall totals reached as high as 14 inches over a 24-hour period in Milwaukee County, a record for the state of Wisconsin. Similarly, Waukesha, Grant, Ozaukee, and Door Counties experienced washed-out roads, widespread power outages, wastewater system failures, and extensive damage to homes and businesses.

In a prior letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Wisconsin congressional delegation urged the agency to partner with Wisconsin Emergency Management to conduct Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments. We appreciate the swift work of FEMA staff in performing these assessments. The Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments have now confirmed the scope and severity of the destruction, determining that more than 1,500 homes were destroyed or sustained major damage and confirming more than \$33 million in residential losses in Milwaukee, Washington, and Waukesha counties alone. Public sector damages are already estimated at more than \$43 million across six counties, with further assessments still underway.

Given the magnitude of these losses, we respectfully urge you to issue a Major Disaster Declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and make the Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation programs available to the impacted Wisconsin counties. Federal assistance is urgently needed to help families repair and rebuild their homes, support businesses and workers as they recover lost income and property, and to ensure that local governments can restore critical infrastructure and services.

The Wisconsin delegation is committed to working in partnership with you, FEMA, and Wisconsin Emergency Management to ensure our communities receive the federal support they need to recover. We thank you for your timely consideration of this urgent request.

Sincerely,



Bryan Steil
Member of Congress



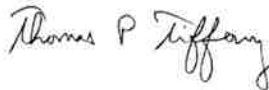
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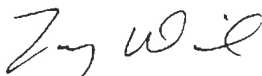
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