

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 5, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500-0005

Dear President Obama:

We are writing to bring to your attention a March 4, 2012 letter from Governor Steve Beshear requesting a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We respectfully urge you to give this request the timely and serious consideration that it deserves.

From February 29, 2012 through March 2, 2012, devastating storms and tornadoes swept through the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As a result, at least twenty (20) Kentuckians lost their lives and over 300 individuals were injured. In addition, forty eight (48) counties suffered extensive damage from the severe storms and tornadoes. The Governor has issued a disaster declaration for these counties under state law and is now requesting federal assistance.

Timely and serious consideration of the Governor's disaster declaration request on your part would aid Kentucky communities and families so severely affected by this most recent disaster.

Thank you in advance for your prompt action on this matter. Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,



Mitch McConnell



Rand Paul