

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20510

May 9, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

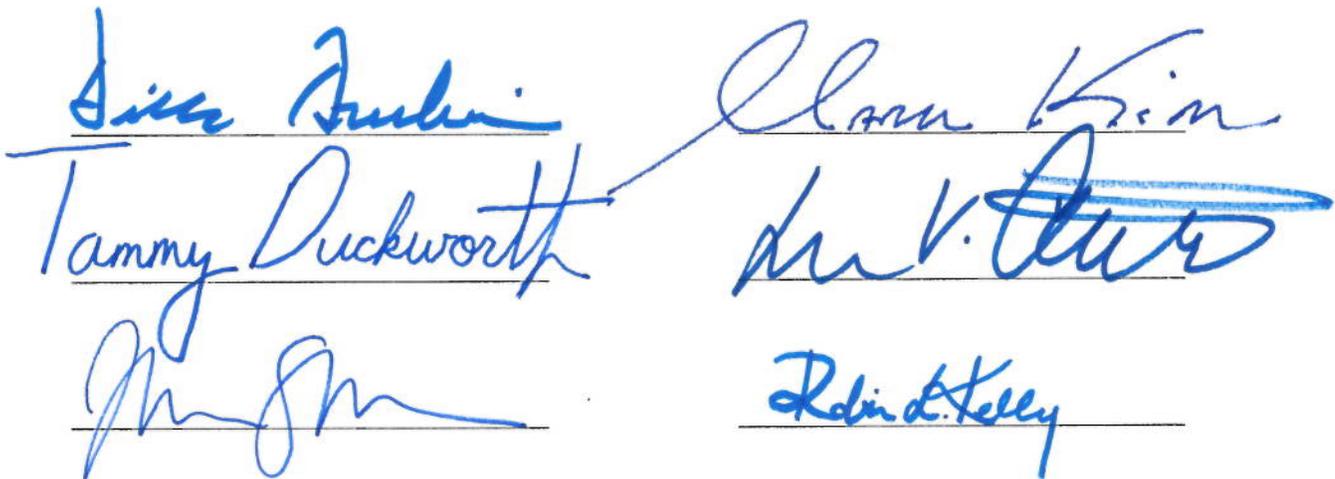
We write in support of Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's request for a federal disaster declaration for counties in Illinois. Forty-eight counties have been declared a state disaster to date. Federal assistance is necessary to help these counties recover from flash and river flooding that occurred as a result of severe April rainstorms.

The State of Illinois has determined that state and local funds are not adequate to address the damage to public infrastructure and costs related to debris removal and emergency protective measures resulting from this weather event.

As a result of the torrential rainfall, rivers in Illinois reached historic record-high levels and dangerous flooding occurred all across the state. Our communities experienced major property damage, evacuations, road closures, at least one fatality and several injuries. It is clear from the magnitude of the damage that recovery efforts will be beyond the means of state and local budgets. A major disaster declaration will make critical federal assistance available to help our communities to rebuild and recover from this severe storm.

We respectfully request that you make the necessary declaration so that these counties can receive the assistance they need. We thank you in advance for your timely consideration of this important request and stand ready to assist in any way appropriate.

Sincerely,



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