

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

August 5, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Obama:

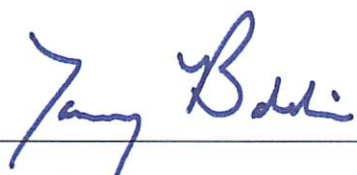
As members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation, we write to you in support of Governor Walker's request for a federal emergency declaration for the counties of: Ashland, Bayfield, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Iowa, Richland, Rock, Sauk, St. Croix, and Vernon, along with the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

Due to a series of storms from June 20th – 28th, 2013, parts of Wisconsin experienced historic 24-hour, 48-hour, 72-hour and 7-day rainfalls. Total rainfall amounts ranged from 8 to more than 13 inches in the most-impacted areas. This exceeds 600% of the normal rainfall for that week. Parts of Wisconsin saw 48-hour accumulations that appear only once every 500 years. Thankfully, no deaths or injuries were sustained from the storms. However, these counties sustained major flooding and mudslides, causing severe damage to hundreds of private homes, farms and businesses, as well as public roadways, power lines and other infrastructure.

This request is being made for the affected counties, under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Governor Walker and Wisconsin State emergency management officials have reviewed the damage and spoken with victims. As a result, the Governor has already declared a state emergency. In fact, conditions are so bad that the joint FEMA/state/local assessment teams couldn't even complete some of their damage evaluations because many roads in Crawford, Grant, and Iowa counties were inaccessible due to road damage or the threat of mudslides. Because much of this damage was borne by some of poorest counties in Wisconsin, federal support will be essential in helping the affected people and communities recover.

As Governor Walker indicated in his August 1, 2013 letter, federal resources are critical to ensure rapid, effective response and recovery. We strongly support the Governor's request and we stand ready to support ongoing efforts to ensure Wisconsin quickly recovers.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
U.S. Senator



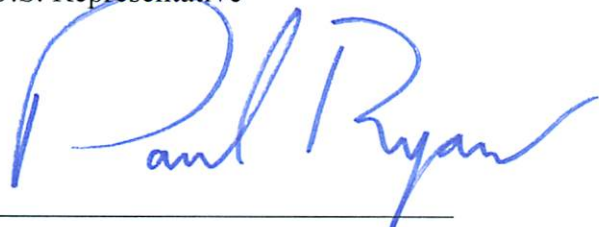
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