

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 9, 2012

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. President,

Governor Jay Nixon, on March 7, 2012, requested a major disaster declaration for the State of Missouri as a result of the severe storm system that generated tornadoes, hail, high winds and heavy rain throughout the state on February 28, 2012. The National Weather Service has determined that these storms were responsible for twelve tornadoes and winds of up to 120 mph across southern Missouri and parts of northern Missouri. These tornadoes caused three deaths and nearly 100 injuries, as well as power outages to over 22,000 customers.

After joint state-federal preliminary damage assessments, the Governor has specifically requested Individual Assistance for the counties of Adair, Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Cedar, Dallas, Daviess, Laclede, Linn, Madison, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Scott, Stoddard, Stone, and Taney and Hazard Mitigation for the entire state.

In light of the serious impact of this event on lives and property in the areas that has occurred, it is our sincere hope that you will grant Governor Nixon's request in a prompt manner, to help in the recovery of residents and communities affected by this disaster. Along with our fellow Missourians, we eagerly await your decision on this request for assistance.

Sincerely,



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Claire McCaskill  
United States Senator



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Roy Blunt  
United States Senator