

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

July 26, 2019

Acting Administrator Peter T. Gaynor  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street SW  
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Acting Administrator Gaynor:

We are writing in support of Governor JB Pritzker's request for an extension from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in conducting its Preliminary Damage Assessment.

As you may know, the flooding event in Illinois lasted from February 24 to July 3, 2019. A flood of this duration had not been seen in Illinois since the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927, and at least 35 percent of the State's counties were affected and declared a disaster by Governor JB Pritzker this year.

Given the duration of the flood and the damage it has inflicted upon homes and businesses, it is of the utmost importance that the State of Illinois submits an accurate Preliminary Damage Assessment from county-compiled information. However, certain areas in the State still have standing water and closed roads, and are currently unable to determine the damage caused until the floodwater dissipates. Further, given the extent of the flood, not all of the affected counties have the resources, knowledge, or dedicated staff to assess the damage within the allotted timeframe.

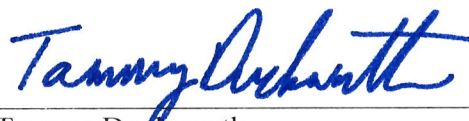
Governor Pritzker has determined that this incident is of a magnitude that it requires an extension to conclude its Preliminary Damage Assessment, so that the State may accurately assess and report incurred damages. We respectfully request that FEMA grants the extension request for this purpose, to ensure the people of Illinois have the opportunity to report all damages endured to their homes, businesses, and communities.

Thank you in advance for your timely consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator



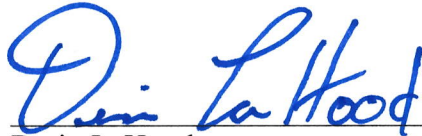
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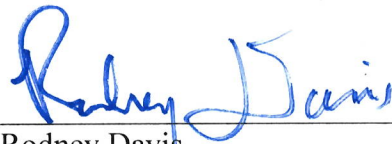
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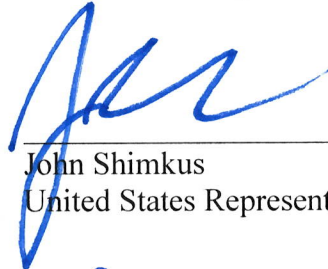
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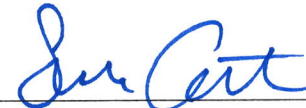
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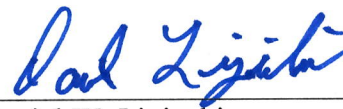
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