

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

August 20, 2021

The Honorable Isabella Casillas Guzman  
Administrator  
Small Business Administration  
409 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW  
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Guzman:

We are writing in support of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker's request for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Declaration for Ford County in Illinois as a result of severe flooding that occurred this month.

On August 12, severe storms caused up to 10 inches of flooding in Ford County. The National Weather Service reported that "essentially all" roads in Gibson City were untraversable. The subsequent damage assessment conducted by the SBA found that many properties either incurred major damage or were destroyed as a result of the flooding.

Assisting these residents in recovery is of utmost importance, and Governor Pritzker has determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and local governments.

As such, we respectfully request that you issue an SBA Disaster Declaration for Ford County, and we request that the SBA disaster loans also be offered to the counties that are contiguous to the aforementioned county.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator



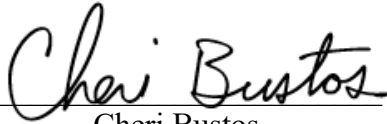
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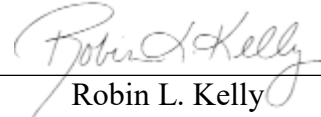
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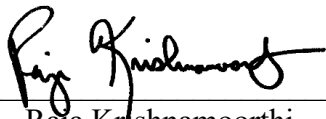
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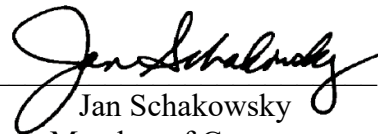
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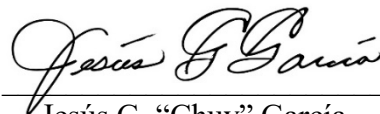
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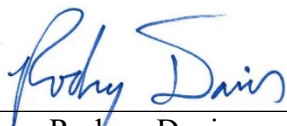
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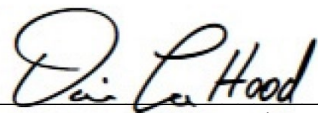
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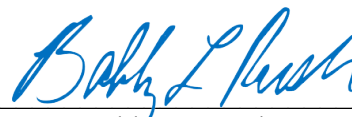


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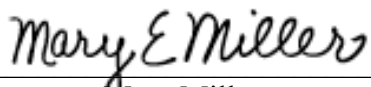
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