

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 23, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC, 20500

Dear President Trump,

We write in strong support of Missouri Governor Mike Kehoe's July 9th request for a presidential major disaster declaration following the devastating storms that took place in Missouri from June 4th through June 18th of this year.

As you are aware, Missouri is no stranger to natural disasters, having experienced five federally declared disasters in 2025—the most in the United States. In 2026, this trend continued, with Missouri already under an active declaration for storms that occurred from April 23rd through April 28th.

We remain deeply grateful for your administration's steadfast support for the Show-Me State throughout these tumultuous times. While these storms have tested our state's resilience, Missourians remain shoulder to shoulder with federal, state, and local partners to support their neighbors.

As communities across Missouri continue rebuilding from prior disasters, the storms from June 4th through June 18th delivered a new wave of destruction, further straining recovery efforts and forcing families, businesses, and first responders to once again confront significant losses.

Preliminary damage assessments (PDAs) of the June 4th through June 18th storms document over \$32 million in eligible infrastructure damage and emergency protective measures across 34 counties. These are not abstract figures—they represent real and lasting hardship for Missouri communities, where daily life has been disrupted and local capacity to recover is stretched beyond its limits.

Given the scale, geographic breadth, and cumulative impact of these events—as documented in the PDAs—Missouri's request clearly meets the criteria for federal assistance under the Stafford Act. Your approval of Governor Kehoe's request would provide critical backup for state and local efforts helping these Missouri communities recover and rebuild stronger.

Respectfully, we urge you to direct your administration to swiftly review Governor Kehoe's major disaster declaration request and present it for your approval. We appreciate your attention

to this request and your continued partnership with the great people of Missouri. Should any questions arise during your review, our offices stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,



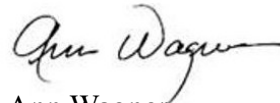
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Enclosures

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