## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

May 20, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump President of the United States 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500-0001

Dear President Trump,

We write to respectfully urge your timely and favorable consideration of the May 20, 2025, request from Governor Andy Beshear for an expedited Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This request comes in response to a series of devastating storms, including tornadoes, high winds, landslides, and flooding that began on May 16, 2025, and continue to impact communities across the state.

This severe weather event has resulted in catastrophic damage, and nineteen Kentuckians have tragically lost their lives. Entire neighborhoods have been destroyed or severely damaged, with homes, businesses, and essential infrastructure suffering widespread loss. Critical roadways have been washed out, vital utilities disabled, and basic government services disrupted. The storm's destruction spans more than 600 miles across the Commonwealth.

Preliminary assessments from the National Weather Service suggest that at least four tornadoes significantly impacted multiple counties, and further evaluations remain ongoing. Given the scale and severity of this disaster, we strongly support Governor Beshear's request and urge your swift approval of federal disaster assistance to help Kentucky communities begin the process of recovering and rebuilding.

We sincerely appreciate your swift attention to this request, as it will significantly benefit Kentuckians during this critical time. Thank you once again for your prompt consideration.

Sincerely,

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