

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 11, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500-0001

Dear President Biden:


We write to draw your attention to the December 11, 2021 letter from Governor Andy Beshear requesting a disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the severe weather events that began on December 10, 2021 and have continued into December 11, 2021. We strongly support this request and ask for your timely consideration.


On December 11, 2021, Governor Beshear issued a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, but additional assistance is necessary at this time. This severe storm system produced several tornadoes across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Initial reports indicate that this was the longest tornado touchdown in the Commonwealth's history. The tornados have caused significant destruction of property, dangerous road conditions, significant vegetative debris, power outages for thousands of Kentuckians, and severe impacts to transportation and infrastructure.

Unfortunately, at least 50 deaths have been reported across multiple counties in the Commonwealth as a result of these tornadoes. The Kentucky National Guard and Kentucky State Police have been mobilized to provide support to Kentuckians, but emergency response has also been hampered by the storm damage.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request, which will provide assistance to communities in Kentucky during this critical time of need. Thank you in advance for your prompt action in this matter.

Sincerely,


Mitch McConnell
UNITED STATES SENATOR


Rand Paul
UNITED STATES SENATOR


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