

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 28, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C. 20500-001

Dear President Trump,

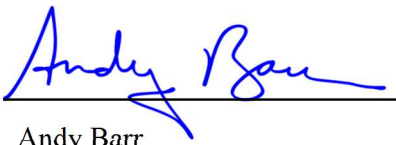
We write to call your attention to the July 23, 2026 letter from Governor Andy Beshear requesting a Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the severe statewide weather event that began June 17, 2026, and concluded on June 30, 2026. We support this request in the strongest terms and ask for your immediate consideration so that relief may begin.

Excessive flooding, tornadoes, strong winds, and hail have damaged or destroyed a substantial number of structures and infrastructure in the Commonwealth during an extended weather event that lasted nearly two weeks in multiple waves. Sadly, six Kentuckians have died because of this event and many are injured. The weather event has been widespread, with 19 counties and 13 cities declaring states of emergency across the Commonwealth. Additionally, the compounding effect of the waves of storms and rain have resulted in far more damage than had these weather events been isolated.

A total of 42 homes were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable, and over 100 businesses have been affected. Many roads, bridges, and electric infrastructure are severely damaged, causing a considerable economic impact across the state. Volunteers along with state and local emergency response organizations have been working tirelessly to clear debris and muck out flooded homes. However, with the recent string of disasters that Kentucky has faced, many disaster response teams in the state are fatigued and overwhelmed. Given the substantial damage and the challenges faced by state and local resources, we believe Federal assistance is necessary.

We appreciate your timely consideration of this request, which will greatly assist Kentucky communities in a desperate time of need. Thank you in advance for your quick action in this matter.

Sincerely,



Andy Barr
Member of Congress



Mitch McConnell
United States Senator



Rand Paul
United States Senator



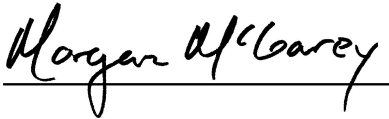
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