

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 20th, 2021

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

Dear President Biden,

We write to call your attention to the August 19th, 2021 letter from Governor Andy Beshear requesting a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the severe storm cell that caused extensive and deadly flash flooding in Nicholas County on July 29 and 30, 2021. We strongly support this request and ask for your timely consideration.

The City of Carlisle and Nicholas County received a torrential downpour of rain during a two-hour period between July 29, 2021 and July 30, 2021. Rainfall was measured more than six inches per hour, which is considered to exceed the One Thousand Year rate for Nicholas County. The Brushy Fork Creek was forced out of its banks due to this historic rainfall. The flash flooding severely impacted 88 homes, the city's wastewater treatment plant, fire station, garage, and 29 businesses. The City of Carlisle and Nicholas County both experienced extensive damage to critical equipment.

As a result of the widespread damage, Governor Beshear declared a State of Emergency on August 3, 2021, in addition to the local declarations. The City of Carlisle and Nicholas County face significant economic challenges. Many homeowners did not have flood insurance policies. Individual Assistance is needed for the community to recover from this devastating event.

We appreciate your urgent 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