

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 18, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
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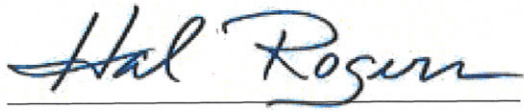
Dear President Trump,

We write today to call your attention to a February 17, 2025 letter from Governor Andy Beshear requesting an Expedited Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This request follows severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that have impacted numerous counties across the Commonwealth beginning on February 14, 2025. We respectfully urge you to give this request the prompt and thorough consideration it deserves.

On February 13, 2025, extreme flood warnings were issued for the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky, prompting the activation of both the State Emergency Operations Center and the State Emergency Operations Plan. This weather system brought intense rainfall, with several counties receiving nearly a foot of rain. The heavy rainfall resulted in severe flash flood risks, causing many rivers across the Commonwealth to reach record-high levels. The storm also triggered significant landslides and mudslides, causing extensive damage to both state and local infrastructure, and tragically, claiming several lives. While precise damage assessments cannot be completed at this time due to ongoing high floodwaters in affected areas, it is estimated that over 8,000 homes and businesses have been either destroyed or severely damaged. This is the same region of our state that was devastated by historic flooding during the catastrophic event in July 2022.

The Commonwealth is currently forecasted to receive more inclement weather in the coming days, further complicating the response and recovery. We sincerely appreciate your rapid attention to this request. Thank you once again for your prompt consideration.

Sincerely,



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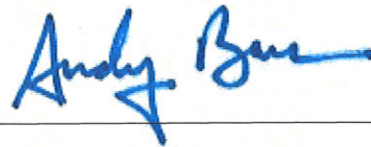
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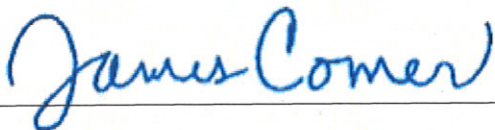
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