

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 9, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We would like to express to you our strong support of the State of Indiana's April 7, 2009 request for a major disaster declaration and for Individual Assistance to be provided to affected Hoosiers.

Since severe storms dropped almost eight inches of rain over 72 hours beginning on March 8, 2009, flooding has devastated many northern Indiana counties. Twelve hundred homes have been affected with 48 destroyed and 385 suffering major damage; roads have been washed out; levees have been breached; and bridges have been damaged. Furthermore, flood waters have not completely receded, meaning damage to homes and infrastructure may likely be more extensive than currently estimated.

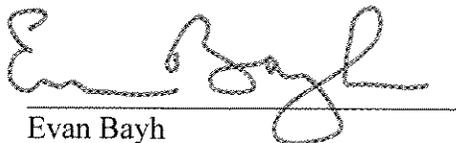
Governor Daniels has specifically requested Individual Assistance programs, including the Individual and Household Program, Disaster Housing, Other Needs Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, and U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loans, for Allen, Carroll, DeKalb, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Noble, Pulaski, White, and Whitley counties.

Despite the hardship and damage caused by this disaster, the Hoosier spirit has persevered. Communities have pulled together, and neighbors are helping neighbors. But at a time when these communities are already significantly affected by the current economic downturn and high unemployment, timely federal assistance is needed. We thank you for your consideration of this request, and please do not hesitate to contact us regarding this matter.

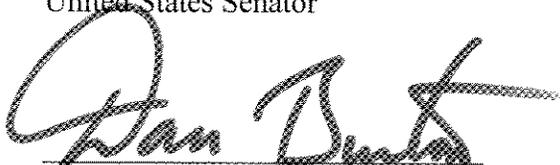
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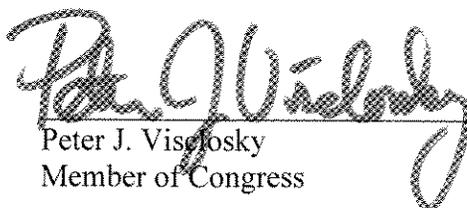
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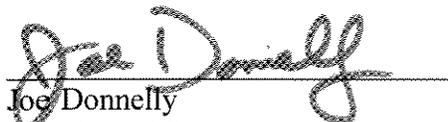
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