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The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Napolitano,

As I said in our conversation today, I want to thank you so much for your work in getting federal disaster aid to the people of our state quickly last week. West Virginians are already beginning to receive help, and they are grateful for the assistance.

Unfortunately, as you know, within days of our conversation last week, our state was hit again with devastating weather in three counties. Governor Earl Ray Tomblin has again requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the affected areas of Lincoln, Logan and Mingo counties. Residents in those areas experienced levels of devastating flooding not seen in a century. Some residents were hit in both sets of storms. The people of our state are working hard to lend a hand to everyone in need, but these residents are also in need of additional federal assistance.

I know that you will do everything you can to help our great state, and I appreciate your attention to this matter.

With warm regards,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator