

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

The Honorable Donald Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. President:

As members of the West Virginia Congressional Delegation, we write to support Governor Jim Justice and his request for a federal disaster declaration for the State of West Virginia after heavy thunderstorms drenched the eastern region of our state. Flash flooding, caused by severe weekend thunderstorms caused significant damage to infrastructure, homes, personal property and businesses in Grant, Pendleton, Preston, Tucker and Randolph counties, on Saturday, June 29, 2019.

A heavy downpour of rain began in the late evening hours on June 29<sup>th</sup>, dumping up to 5 inches of rain in several hours. The quick onset of rain sparked flash floods and hasty evacuations throughout the northeastern counties in West Virginia. While no injuries have been reported, many homes have been severely damaged, roadways washed out and businesses flooded.

To access federal disaster aid, West Virginia Governor Jim Justice has made a request for a declaration of a major disaster for the State of West Virginia. This request was submitted July 17, 2019, under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5208 (Stafford Act). We respectfully request that you review this request for all categories of Public Assistance for Grant, Pendleton, Preston, Tucker, and Randolph counties expeditiously, and give it all appropriate consideration.

We commend the tireless efforts that local citizens and first responders who have worked diligently to assist in rescue recovery efforts, and we urge you to do everything in your power to make sure that our communities have the federal support that they will need to recover.


Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Manchin III  
United States Senator

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senator

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
David B. McKinley, P.E.  
Member of Congress

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol D. Miller  
Member of Congress

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Alex X. Mooney  
Member of Congress