

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 17, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20502

Lilian Hutchinson, Acting Regional Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III
One Independence Mall, Sixth Floor 615 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear President Trump and Acting Regional Administrator Hutchinson,

As members of the West Virginia Congressional Delegation, we write in support of Governor Patrick Morrisey's request for a major disaster declaration for the State of West Virginia following recent severe weather events.

Severe storms moved through our State causing widespread damage. Heavy rains, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides caused damage in 13 counties throughout central and southern West Virginia beginning on February 15, 2025.

To access federal disaster aid, West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey has made a request for a major disaster declaration for the State of West Virginia, submitted on February 17, 2025, 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 ask that you carefully review the submission that requests assistance from the FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) Program and Public Assistance (PA) Program for Boone, Cabell, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mercer, McDowell, Mingo, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties. Additionally, assistance from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has been requested statewide.

We applaud the tireless dedication of our State and local first responders, as well as the invaluable contributions of our neighbors and volunteers. Nevertheless, the demand for aid remains substantial, and we urge you to do everything in your power to make sure that our communities have the federal support they need to rebuild and recover. Therefore, we kindly request that you thoroughly consider the State of West Virginia's request for a major disaster declaration to address our communities' recovery needs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need further assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator



Jim Justice
United States Senator



Carol Miller
Member of Congress



Riley Moore
Member of Congress