

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 23, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama
President, United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in support of Governor John Kasich's request for a federal disaster declaration for 21 counties in Ohio as a result of severe storms beginning April 1, 2011 through May 15, 2011. These storms were widespread and costly due to the location of the storms as well as the record setting rainfall.

The counties experienced flooding, flash flooding and severe storms beginning on April 1, 2011, through May 15, 2011. The Governor is specifically requesting Public Assistance for the counties of Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Clermont, Gallia, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington, and hazard mitigation for all counties within the State. The communities most affected are in the Appalachian region of the state, which were already considered economically distressed and lack the infrastructure to respond to such emergencies.

We believe federal assistance is necessary to ensure the health and safety of Ohioans in these counties. We fully support Governor Kasich's request for a federal disaster declaration, and urge your prompt consideration of his request. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator




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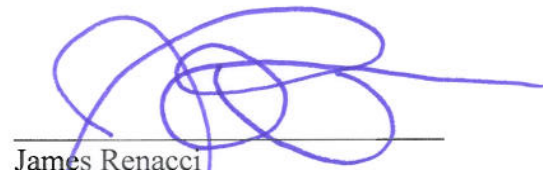

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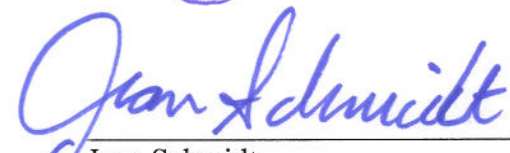

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