

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 29, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

We are writing in support of Governor Mike Beebe's request for a major disaster declaration for Faulkner County.

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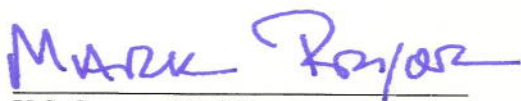
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Pursuant to the provision of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.36, we ask that Arkansas receive a major disaster declaration for Faulkner County. We would also like to specifically request Individual Assistance, Public Assistance (Categories A-B), and Direct Federal Assistance for Faulkner County. We would also request Hazard Mitigation statewide.

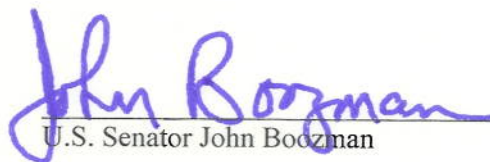
As you know, the State of Arkansas and its rural districts are working tirelessly to save lives and begin the process of cleaning up and ultimately rebuilding. All available resources at the state and local level, including the Arkansas National Guard, are being used, but greater federal assistance is needed to help our communities recover. Arkansas is a predominantly rural state and this series of disasters has exceeded the ability of our local government to respond. The past several years have been particularly difficult for Arkansas residents due to numerous severe weather events. We appreciate the financial assistance received as a result of several federal disaster and emergency declarations, many of which impacted the same communities still in the recovery process, and the quick, comprehensive response of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. We hope that a similar response will follow this disaster.

Mr. President, we respectfully request your swift consideration and approval of this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Mark Pryor



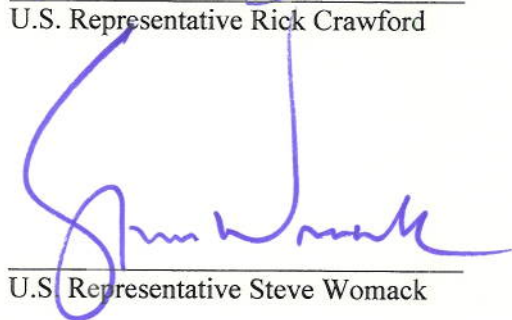
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Federal Emergency Management Agency  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
500 C Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20472

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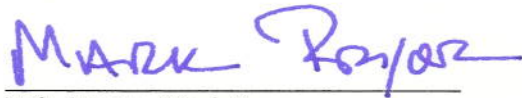
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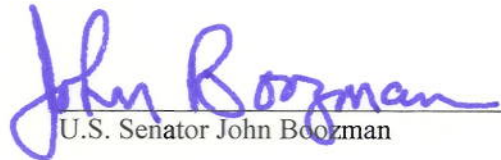
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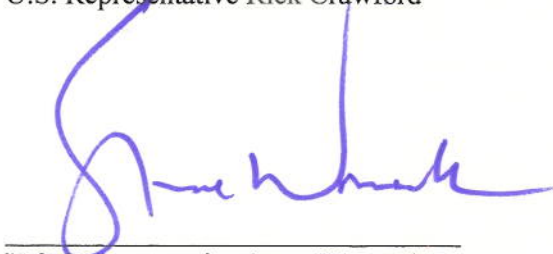
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