The Honorable Tom Vilsack  
Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20250  

September 22, 2016  

Dear Secretary Vilsack:  

We write to you in strong support of Governor Asa Hutchinson’s request for a disaster declaration for Carroll, Clay, Craighead, Independence, Jackson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Madison, Prairie, Randolph, White, and Woodruff counties.  

As you know, flooding in counties in Northeast Arkansas has caused significant damage and has been devastating to many communities. The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture estimates that the total damage to Arkansas crops is in the range of $45.6 million to $50 million.  

Agriculture is Arkansas’s largest industry, and this disaster, in combination with low commodity prices, is a significant hardship for many producers in Arkansas.  

We thank you for your attention to this critical issue and urge your swift consideration and approval of the state’s request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.  

Sincerely,  

John Boozman  
U.S. Senator  

Tom Cotton  
U.S. Senator  

Rick Crawford  
U.S. Representative  

French Hill  
U.S. Representative  

Steve Womack  
U.S. Representative  

Bruce Westerman  
U.S. Representative