

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 10, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to urge that you request funds to help our state recover from the unprecedented flooding that affected Tennesseans in 52 counties from Memphis to Nashville. These funds would be included in your request for the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010.

According to NOAA and the Corps of Engineers, the flooding in Tennessee was the result of a 1,000-year rainfall event. We thank you for already designating 42 of the 52 counties requested by our governor as eligible for disaster relief. We also appreciate the efforts of FEMA Director Fugate and his staff as well as that of Secretaries Napolitano, Locke, and Donovan and Small Business Administrator Mills all of whom have visited Tennessee during the last week.

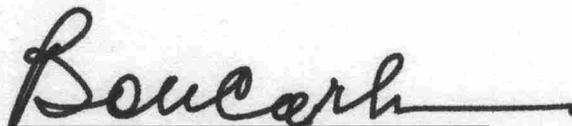
Tennesseans are helping themselves and their neighbors, but Tennessee will require federal assistance beyond what current emergency programs' funding can support. Because the Senate Appropriations Committee will mark up supplemental appropriations legislation that you have requested on Thursday, it is vital that a request for Tennessee flood relief come from the Office of Management and Budget as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for relief for Tennesseans suffering from the flood. Please contact our offices if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



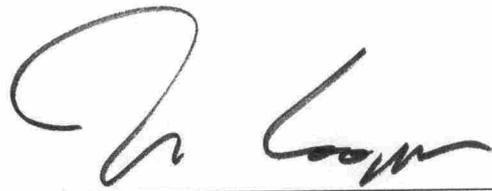
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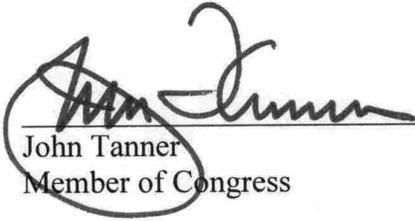
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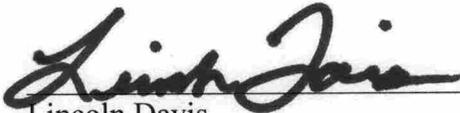
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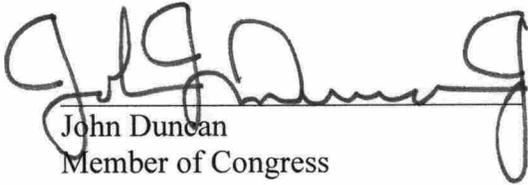
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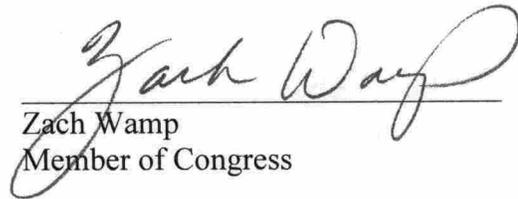
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Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Valarie Jarrett,
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