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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds has requested a major disaster declaration for the State of Iowa as a result of severe storms and flooding that have significantly impacted nearly 60 counties since March 12, 2019, causing an estimated \$1.6 billion in damages. By requesting a major disaster declaration, Governor Reynolds has determined that the State of Iowa and local governments cannot effectively respond to this flooding incident without supplementary assistance from the federal government.

I've spent much of this week on the ground in Iowa surveying the damage and meeting with constituents and local, state, and federal officials. The devastation caused by the flooding is incomprehensible. I respectfully ask you to approve Governor Reynolds' request as expeditiously as possible.

I thank you for your consideration of this request, and will continue working with you and your administration to ensure Iowans receive the assistance they need.

Sincerely,



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