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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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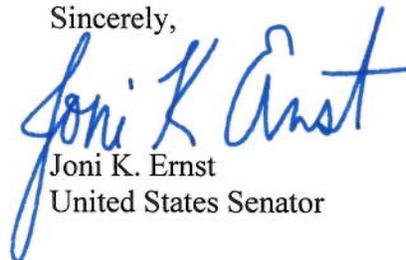
Dear Mr. President:

I write to you in support of Governor Terry Branstad's request for a major disaster declaration. As you may know, between August 23 and August 27, 2016, several counties in northeast Iowa were impacted by severe storms, heavy rain and flooding. These storms left behind significant damage to private property and essential public infrastructure throughout eight counties across the state: Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Floyd, Howard, Mitchell, and Winneshiek.

On September 9, 2016, at the request of the Governor, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conducted joint Public Assistance preliminary damage assessments for those eight counties. The results of this assessment have led the Governor to determine that the damage warrants federal disaster assistance.

I appreciate your immediate consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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