

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

June 19, 2018

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our strong support for Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's request for the declaration of a major disaster in the City of Frederick, as well as Washington and Frederick Counties, due to strong storms, heavy rains, and severe flooding between May 15, 2018 and May 19, 2018. Given the massive impact that this flooding had on state and local resources in Maryland, we respectfully request that you expeditiously approve the provision of supplementary federal assistance, pursuant to the Stafford Act.

The flooding caused damage to critical infrastructure, and affected transportation routes for numerous businesses, schools, and residences. This particularly impacted residents in remote and rural areas of Washington County. Notably, several bridges, culverts, and roads in Washington County will require total replacements or major repairs, along with numerous bridges, roads, and a pumping station in Frederick County. Several historic sites in different communities in Washington County were adversely affected by the flooding.

State and local officials took appropriate action under Maryland law, declaring States of Emergency in Frederick and Washington Counties. The storm produced devastating flooding, landslides, and rain totals. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), along with Frederick County officials and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), conducted joint-preliminary damage assessments which confirmed widespread damage.

We agree that this event was of such severity and magnitude that effective recovery is beyond the capabilities of the State of Maryland and Frederick and Washington County governments alone. MEMA estimates that the damages in the affected counties will far exceed the per capita Public Assistance threshold. The initial estimate for public infrastructure damages and repair in Washington County is \$4.5 million. The initial estimate for damages in Frederick County, including the City of Frederick, is roughly \$8 million.

We therefore strongly support Governor Hogan's request for a major disaster declaration and for supplementary federal assistance, including all categories of Public Assistance for Frederick and Washington Counties and statewide Hazard Mitigation assistance.

We note that the U.S. Small Business Administration has already approved Governor Hogan's request for a physical disaster declaration for Frederick County due to the flooding.

We therefore urge you to expeditiously review Governor Hogan's request and declare a major disaster for Washington and Frederick Counties, including the City of Frederick. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senator



Steny H. Hoyer  
Member of Congress



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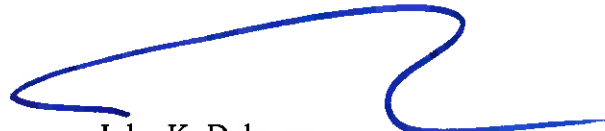
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