

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 7, 2011

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to support the State of New Jersey's request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration in response to the severe storms which hit the state in early March. The storm caused significant flooding in many areas and New Jersey has requested that the Counties of Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic receive a declaration.

Communities in these counties saw significant flooding and the Passaic River experienced the fifth highest crest in its history at Little Falls and the sixth highest crest at Pine Brook. More than three thousand people had to be evacuated. As our residents work to recover from this storm, many communities across the state are still feeling the effects of a harsh winter which brought multiple heavy snow storms that resulted in a federal disaster declaration.

The flooding has caused pain and hardship for residents and local businesses and clean-up and recovery costs will be steep which will be a significant burden for many individuals and local governments who are facing tight budgets. These communities and our citizens deserve all the support that can be provided.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to this important matter. I look forward to your prompt action on this important issue.

Sincerely,

  
