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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear Mr. President:

New Jersey has been hit with severe rain storms since Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> which have caused significant flooding in many areas of the state. Due to the extensive flooding and damage, the State of New Jersey is expected to request a federal disaster declaration and I am writing to urge you to grant such a request.

Communities across the state have experienced significant flooding already and officials are predicting additional flooding and damage as rivers crest this weekend. As this storm's impact is felt, many New Jersey communities are still recovering from a harsh winter which brought multiple heavy snow storms that resulted in a federal disaster declaration for fifteen counties. Several of these same counties are being impacted by the current floods.

Flooding is expected to continue, which will increase damages and raise clean-up and recovery costs. This will be a significant burden for families and local governments that 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,

