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THE HONORABLE JIMMY CARTER
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
THE WHITE HOUSE
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TODAY YOU WILL RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER TO DECLARE EIGHT WEST VIRGINIA COUNTIES, FEDERAL DISASTER AREAS. FOUR OF THE EIGHT COUNTIES ARE LOCATED IN MY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

SINCE THE HEAVY RAINS BEGAN TO FALL LAST SATURDAY, I HAVE HAD MEMBERS OF MY STAFF IN THE AREA, AND CERTAIN REGIONS OF THE AFFECTED COUNTIES HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED SUCH A FLOOD DISASTER IN 20 YEARS.

I STRONGLY URGE YOUR QUICK AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON THIS REQUEST.

I STAND READY TO LEND A HELPING HAND IN ANY WAY I CAN, AND TRUST THAT YOU WILL LEND ONE TO THE STRICKEN FAMILIES OF SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA.

NICK J. RAHALL, II
MEMBER OF CONGRESS