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THE HONORABLE JIMMY CARTER  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON D.C.

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