## Congress of the United States Mashington, DC 20515

December 2, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write to support Missouri Governor Mike Parson's request to approve a major presidential disaster declaration, as authorized by the Stafford Act, for public assistance in 14 of Missouri's 114 counties, as well as hazard mitigation statewide.

On Tuesday, November 26, Governor Parson requested a major disaster declaration after multiple severe weather events—including heavy storms, tornadoes, and flooding—occurred across Missouri between November 3 and November 9. These storms caused significant damage to private and public property and tragically took the lives of at least seven people. State and local governments continue to grapple with the fallout from these severe weather events.

We respectfully request your swift action to ensure that the affected Missouri communities receive the necessary assistance to respond to the disaster. Along with our fellow Missourians, we appreciate your immediate attention to this request and stand ready to assist.

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Blaine Luetkemeyer United States Representative

Jason Smith

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Sincerely,

Eric Schmitt

United States Senator

United States Representative