August 5, 2022

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

Cc: The Honorable Deanne Criswell

Dear Mr. President,

We write today in support of Missouri Governor Mike Parson’s request for a Major Disaster Declaration in the City of St. Louis as well as St. Louis, St. Charles, and Montgomery counties as a result of severe weather.

On Tuesday, July 26, 2022, Acting Governor Mike Kehoe declared a State of Emergency following record-shattering rainfall levels and subsequent flash flooding in Eastern Missouri. The region recorded a record 9.04 inches of rain in 24 hours, far exceeding the previous daily rainfall record of roughly 7 inches set more than 100 years ago. Some areas in St. Charles County reportedly received nearly 13 inches of rainfall. Dangerous flash flooding has resulted in hundreds of evacuations from homes and vehicles, reports of submerged vehicles and, tragically, two deaths. According to the state, this flooding emergency has resulted in more water rescues throughout the course of one day than at any other point in St. Louis’s history. Moreover, joint assessments conducted by the State Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Small Business Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and local officials have determined more than $35 million in damage to uninsured infrastructure and emergency response costs in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis, St. Charles, and Montgomery counties, and showed 131 of 206 businesses examined had sustained major damage.

We respectfully request your prompt action to ensure that these communities receive the immediate federal support needed to respond to the disaster. Along with our fellow Missourians we appreciate your attention to this request and stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Sincere Regards,

Roy Blunt  
United States Senator

Cori Bush  
Member of Congress

Josh Hawley  
United States Senator

Blaine Luetkemeyer  
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