

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20510

April 16, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in anticipation of an imminent request by Acting Governor Richard Codey that you issue a disaster declaration for areas of New Jersey affected by the recent storm. At the time of this writing, up to eight inches of rain has fallen in parts of the state and the Acting Governor has already issued a State of Emergency for New Jersey.

The storm—which has resulted in the worst rainfall in New Jersey since 1882—has caused extensive flooding statewide. It has already resulted in severe property damage, the evacuation of communities, and the closing of many roads and bridges. In addition, many municipalities are without power. Although damage assessments are underway, this storm rivaled the worst flood events in New Jersey and significant damage is expected.

The residents will likely be in need of federal assistance to immediately help them recover from this devastation. Therefore, we encourage you to accept our Acting Governor's request for a disaster declaration. Your prompt disaster declaration would enable the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to begin the task of helping our residents.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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