

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 31, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

As you know, the Governor of Arizona, Jan Brewer, has made a formal request under Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act that you declare a Major Disaster for the State of Arizona as a result of severe flooding during the period of September 7, 2014 through September 9, 2014. We are writing to ask that you expeditiously consider this request.

As Governor Brewer's disaster request letter outlines, heavy rainfall caused by the remnants of Hurricane Norbert resulted in extensive flooding throughout the State. The Phoenix area experienced its wettest day in history surpassing a record set in 1939. A preliminary damages assessments for Maricopa, La Paz, and Pinal Counties exceeded \$18 million. Among other impacts, major sections of freeways were closed, canals and flood control systems were overwhelmed, and two individuals perished in separate flash flood incidents. State search and rescue teams spent considerable resources performing numerous rescues of stranded drivers and residents for this incident, in addition to services provided during flooding from two other hurricane remnants (Hurricane Lowell and Hurricane Odile)—all of which impacted Arizona within a two-month period.

We thank you for your attention to this matter, and your swift consideration of Governor Brewer's Major Disaster Declaration request.

Sincerely,



John McCain  
United States Senator



Jeff Flake  
United States Senator



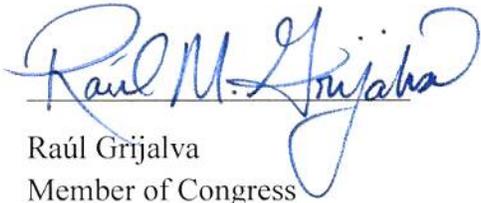
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Ann Kirkpatrick  
Member of Congress



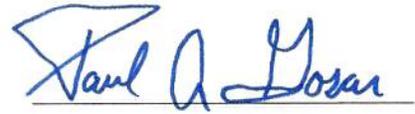
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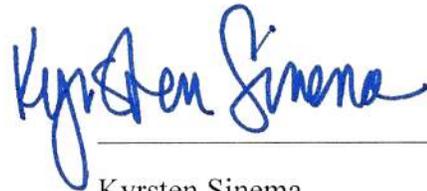
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