

*Congressman King leads House delegation response to flooding in Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties*

Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Steve King (R-IA) sent a letter signed by Iowa's entire House delegation to President Barack Obama asking him to grant Governor Terry Branstad's request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for six counties that have been ravaged by Missouri River flooding. If granted, the disaster declaration will trigger the release of federal emergency assistance resources to Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties to aid their response to flooding that began on May 25, 2011 and is continuing. King initiated the congressional letter of support for the state's request.

"Missouri River flooding is doing extensive damage to western Iowa, and I am asking the President to grant the state's request for a Major Disaster Declaration," said King. "From Sioux City to Hamburg, this flood is consuming homes, businesses, farmland, and infrastructure, and the damage will continue to mount as the water remains with us over the summer. With the support of Iowa's House delegation behind the state's request, the President should not hesitate to issue a disaster declaration that will allow federal resources to strengthen ongoing recovery and relief efforts."

King's letter to President Obama notes that Governor Branstad has asked for a Major Disaster Declaration after determining that the ongoing Missouri River flooding "is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local governments and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary."

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*For your convenience, a copy of Congressman King's letter can be found [here](#).*