

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) announces that he has sent a letter signed by Iowa's entire House delegation to FEMA Administrator William Fugate in support of Governor Branstad's request for additional time to appeal FEMA's denial of Individual Assistance Program eligibility to five counties in Iowa. King's letter to Fugate states that an extension of the deadline to appeal to November 15 is necessary because a complete damage assessment cannot be conducted until the flood waters have receded. Current projections suggest that Missouri River flood waters will not begin to recede until late October or early November.

"When FEMA ruled that Individual Assistance Programs would not be available to residents of Fremont, Harrison, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties, FEMA relied on an incomplete assessment of the flood damage in these counties," said King. "A more complete assessment of the flood damage will emerge only after safe access to damaged homes is restored, and this is not expected to happen until the flood waters recede in late October or early November. The state is asking for additional time to compile an accurate damage assessment that can be reviewed during the appeal, and I am encouraging FEMA to grant the state's request."

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