

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 6, 2018

President Donald J. Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

Governor Murphy has formally requested a Major Disaster Declaration as a result of the severe rain storm event that struck New Jersey from August 11, 2018 to August 13, 2018. We are writing to urge you to approve this request to ensure New Jersey receives the assistance it needs fully recover from this storm.

The severe rain storm that struck New Jersey from August 11, 2018 to August 13, 2018 caused torrential rainfall which resulted in significant flooding. Up to 8 inches of rain was estimated to have fallen in the most severely affected regions, forcing state and local authorities to take emergency action. Dozens of residents were evacuated out of harm's way and spent the storm residing in a shelter. In total, 800 homes were damaged by the storm, including 66 that suffered major damage.

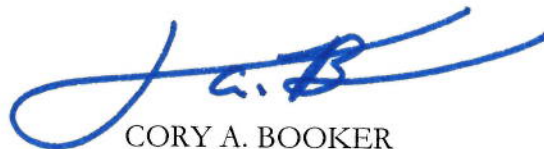
While the immediate response by state and local emergency responders was robust and professional, the size and power of this storm created a significant burden on our state's resources. We therefore urge you to support Governor Murphy's request by issuing a Major Disaster Declaration, granting Individual Assistance for the counties of Bergen, Essex, Ocean, Monmouth, and Passaic and granting Hazard Mitigation assistance statewide.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to a prompt response to our request.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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