

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 31, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

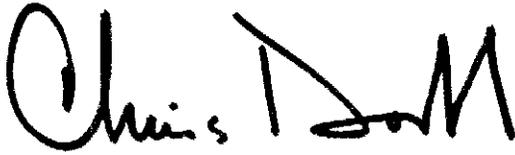
We are writing in support of a request submitted by Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declare a major disaster for the State of Connecticut as a result of significant rainfall and flash flooding that occurred on June 2, 2006, particularly in the City of Waterbury in New Haven County.

According to National Weather Service data, a stationary cold front caused significant rainfall on June 2. The storm was particularly acute in Waterbury, which recorded 7.4 inches of rainfall over approximately three hours. The city's hilly topography allowed for flash floods to occur and caused widespread damage to transportation infrastructure and low-lying buildings. The floods were further enhanced by debris which collected in the municipal stormwater and sewer systems.

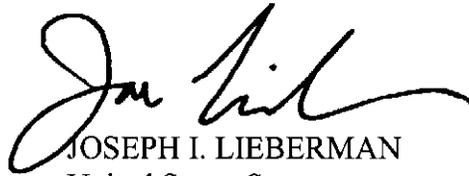
Governor Rell has estimated that the State and municipal cleanup costs associated with this storm would exceed \$2.2 million. This estimate breaks down to \$12.57 per capita in New Haven County -- a figure more than four times the current per capita county indicator for Federal disaster assistance. Therefore, acting in accordance with public law, Governor Rell has requested FEMA major disaster assistance for affected areas.

We strongly support Governor Rell's request and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator



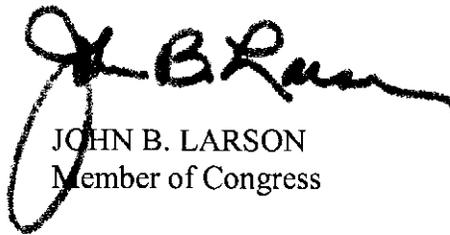
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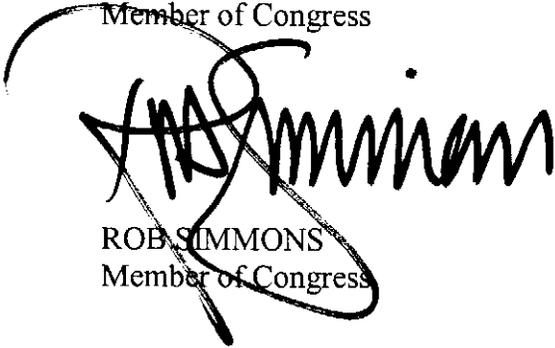
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