

July 22, 2021

The Honorable Isabella Casillas Guzman Administrator Small Business Administration 409 3rd St SW Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Guzman:

We are writing in support of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker's request for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration for McLean County in Illinois as a result of severe flooding that occurred last month.

Severe storms caused up to 10 inches of flooding in McLean County. The damage assessment conducted this month by the SBA found that many properties either incurred major damage or were destroyed as a result of the tornado.

Assisting these residents in recovery is of utmost importance, and Governor Pritzker has determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and local governments.

As such, we respectfully request that you issue an SBA Disaster Declaration for McLean County, and we request that the SBA disaster loans also be offered to the counties that are contiguous to the aforementioned county.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Durbin United States Senator

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