

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 18, 1984

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On June 15, 1984 the Governor of the State of Kansas requested a Presidential declaration for Federal Disaster Assistance for the five Kansas counties of Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, and Nemaha. These counties and several others have experienced serious flood damage following the torrential storms during the last two weeks.

Estimated cost of the damage to the above counties exceeds \$81 million thus far, and covers losses to private dwellings, businesses, sewer systems, bridges, and extensive agricultural damage. It is quite likely that this figure will be increased substantially following storms which occurred in the days following the initial damage. It is also likely that several other Kansas counties may be added to the Governor's request.

Therefore, I urge you to declare these Kansas counties as Federal Disaster Areas thereby entitling them to such government assistance as low interest loans for business and home repair, grants to those whose homes were destroyed, matching grants for road repair and bridge rebuilding, and low interest loans to farmers who have suffered crop loss. Further, since the Governor has not requested a Federal Disaster Area declaration for the residents of Johnson, Leavenworth, and Pottawatomie counties, I would ask that you direct the Small Business Administration and the Farmers Home Administration to provide aid, where appropriate, to the residents of these counties.

Kansans living in all of the above named counties have s extreme hardships over the past two weeks. I ask that our government act promptly to mitigate their suffering.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate