

# News from Senator

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## DOLE ALERTS PRESIDENT REAGAN TO KANSAS DISASTERS

WASHINGTON -- Reacting to the special needs of Kansans ravaged by violent weather, Senator Robert Dole ( R.-Kan. ) today urged The White House to move quickly on a request for federal assistance to counties hit hard by flooding and high winds.

In a letter to President Reagan cosigned by Senator Kassebaum, Dole indicated that portions of Shawnee and Jackson Counties sustained serious damage.

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

Dear Mr. President:

Three times last week severe thunderstorms carrying hail, heavy winds, and rain hit northeast Kansas, particularly portions of Shawnee County and Jackson County. The rains resulted in serious flash flooding, the most serious damage being in Rossville where 90 percent of the community was covered with water. The National Guard was called on to evacuate half of the town, including 84 nursing home residents. The same winds and floods damaged roads, bridges and crops throughout Jackson County.

It is anticipated that our Governor will seek a presidential disaster declaration this week. We would like to alert you to this severe damage and request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency and The White House move as quickly as possible once the request has been filed. At that time we will be pleased to provide further information.

Thank you for your attention to the needs of our state in the wake of these floods.

Sincerely yours,

NANCY KASSEBAUM  
United States Senate

BOB DOLE  
United States Senate