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The Honorable Mark Dayton
Governor of Minnesota
116 Veterans Service Building
20 West 12th Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Dayton:

As the Representative for the Second Congressional District of Minnesota, I urge you to immediately request the President issue a Disaster Declaration so vital federal programs can begin aiding my constituents in their recovery efforts.

This past week, heavy rain caused widespread damage across my congressional district, especially in Scott, Goodhue, Dakota, and Rice Counties. Last weekend, I witnessed the magnitude of the damage firsthand when I met with county officials and toured impacted communities. Many residents in Blakeley Township and Jordan were asked to evacuate and major roads were forced to close due to dangerous flooding. In Northfield, residents filled sand bags and the downtown businesses and the river walk were closed.

As you indicated yesterday when extending the state of emergency, Minnesota may qualify for federal disaster assistance. Therefore, I request you begin the process of requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration so my communities impacted by severe flooding can receive assistance.

As their Congressman, I want to ensure my constituents have the support they need to recover and rebuild, and request you make the state a full partner in their effort. If there is any opportunity to support the state on the federal level, please do not hesitate to let me know how I can be of assistance.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. Should you have any questions, your staff can contact Ryan Silverberg in my office at (202) 225-2271.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Kline". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent.

JOHN KLINE
Member of Congress