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The Honorable Craig Fugate  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Fugate:

My constituents are no strangers to flood preparation and mitigation. Each year, the men and women in Minnesota's 2<sup>nd</sup> district work diligently to protect their lives and property from flood damage. As their representative, I ask for your assistance in helping the local officials in my district break through the federal bureaucracy to find permanent relief from the devastating effects of annual floods.

As you know, flooding in Minnesota caused widespread damage and prompted a Presidential Disaster Declaration this year. In preparation, communities in Carver County, Minnesota, including Watertown and the city of Carver, proactively added to their existing levees. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is refusing to reimburse these communities unless they remove that protection. In addition, towns like Carver and Watertown are required to seek approval for their levees from additional federal agencies.

I request that your agency develop a plan that allows communities in Carver County, many with tight budgets and few resources, to receive reimbursement in the interim while giving them time to work in cooperation with federal agencies toward a long term levee plan that is safe and meets all applicable standards.

The timeline is tight and the stakes are high for these communities to ensure they comply with FEMA's reimbursement requirements. I ask that you coordinate plans in a timely manner in light of the urgent need for long-term protection. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN KLINE  
Member of Congress