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The Honorable Craig Fugate  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Administration  
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Washington, DC 20472

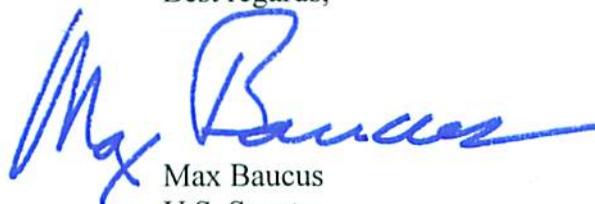
Dear Administrator Fugate:

I write in strong support of the State of Montana's request for a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration for damage caused by flooding across Montana. The State of Montana has determined that the flooding damage is of such severity that an effective response is beyond the capability of the state, local, and tribal governments and thus has requested that the President declare a major disaster for the State of Montana. I urge you to take every possible action to make sure this request is submitted to the White House without delay.

As you know, flooding has caused extensive damage all across Montana and has impacted thirty-seven counties and five Indian reservations. Flooding damaged hundreds of homes in Roundup and the Crow Indian Reservation. In particular communities across Fergus, Yellowstone, Musselshell, and Carbon counties are facing severe damage to roads, bridges and homes. Unfortunately, the worst seems yet to come. Warmer weather forecast for this week is expected to cause more flooding around Montana.

Thank you for your agency's rapid response to the State of Montana's request for assistance in response to this disaster.

Best regards,



Max Baucus  
U.S. Senator