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**Congress of the United States**  
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September 1, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500-0003

Dear President Bush:

I am writing in support of an appeal from Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich of your denial of a federal disaster declaration for Clinton, Jefferson, Madison, St. Clair and Washington Counties following violent storms there July 19 and 21.

The appeal is based on new damage information that was not considered as part of the original disaster request. As you know, these storms caused power outages leaving many without air conditioning for several days in 100 degree heat and damaged over 2,600 buildings. Federal assistance will help individuals and municipalities recover, and I urge you to support this appeal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if I can provide additional information or be of assistance in any other way.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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