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The Honorable Brock Long
Administrator
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Dear Administrator Long:

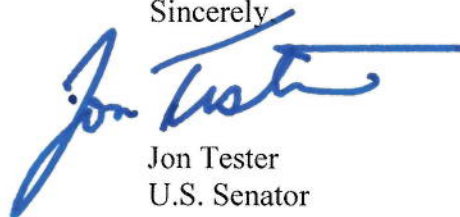
I write to request the administration reconsider the State of Montana's request for disaster assistance in responding to severe flooding in Carbon, Golden Valley, Missoula, Musselshell, Petroleum, and Powell counties. While I appreciate the President's declaration from Friday, August 31, declaring certain counties eligible for disaster assistance, the remaining counties and communities remain unable to cover the full cost of the damages wrought by these floods.

As you are aware, flooding in Montana began this year when temperatures rose to normal – or above normal – levels in April, when rapidly melting snowpack in the plains was quickly followed by flooding of Montana's rivers and streams. State, county, and community resources in Carbon, Golden Valley, Missoula, Musselshell, Petroleum, and Powell counties remain overwhelmed as they recover from this storm.

Should Governor Bullock appeal the decision, I request that you approve this request expeditiously for these six counties in Montana. Further delays in funding to these Montana counties would continue to harm small businesses and communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely



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