



Midwestern Governors Association

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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
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The Honorable John Boehner
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Dear Senator Reid, Senator McConnell, Speaker Pelosi and
Congressman Boehner:

As a result of the unprecedented destruction of the severe storms,
tornados and flooding in the Midwest, we, the undersigned
Midwestern governors, write to express our support for the states that
have experienced these disasters. Specifically, we ask that you work
with the Congressional delegations and governors from the affected
states and with the Administration to quickly identify any unmet and
appropriate federal recovery and redevelopment needs so that they
may be included in legislation at the earliest possible opportunity.

The total losses resulting from this disaster are expected to far
exceed the levels of the devastating Midwest floods in 1993. These
disasters will not only have an enormous economic and commercial
impact in the Midwest, but the effects will also be felt in the national
and global economies. It is crucial that the affected states receive
federal funding for disaster mitigation, recovery and redevelopment
quickly.

We stand ready to assist the affected states collectively through the
Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) and in our individual
capacities. Please contact Emily Marthaler with the MGA if you
require any assistance or have any questions. She can be reached
at either 202-624-5460 or emarthaler@csg.org.

Sincerely,

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