

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Norm Dicks
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Dicks,

This year, 47 out of 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia have experienced federally declared disasters. With 89 major disasters declared so far in 2011, we have already established a record and still have more than two months remaining in the year. While hard hit communities have shown remarkable resilience in the face of these tragedies, the devastation to their transportation infrastructure has been significant.

The demand for emergency relief through the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Emergency Relief (ER) program is vastly outpacing available funding. Current estimates indicate the ER program has a significant backlog.

To meet these unprecedented needs, we ask that you ensure adequate funding for the ER program in FY12. Affected communities are working to get back on their feet, but they cannot do it alone. We hope you will provide support for affected communities, as well as those that may be affected in the future.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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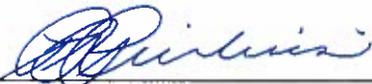
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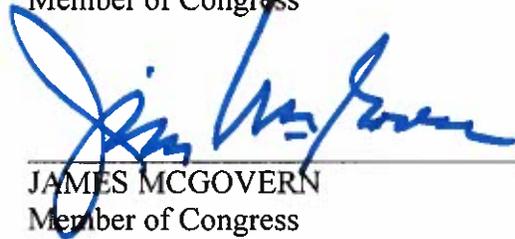
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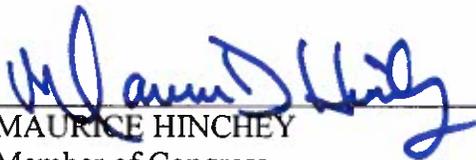
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