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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
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Through: Gracia B. Szczech
Regional Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV
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Dear Mr. President:

Re: Increased Federal Share – Public Assistance Program
FEMA-DR-4663-KY

Dear Mr. President:

I again thank you for your declaration of Major Disaster FEMA DR-4663-KY for the July 26, 2022, and continuing, flooding event which devastated the southeastern portion of the Commonwealth. The federal responsiveness to Kentucky's needs has been remarkable and appreciated.

Under the provisions of 44 C.F.R. § 206.47(d), I respectfully request that you adjust the Federal cost share for eligible Emergency Work from seventy-five percent (75%) to one hundred percent (100%). Federal regulations authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to recommend a cost share adjustment up to 100% for emergency work under sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, for a limited period in the initial days of the disaster, irrespective of the per capita impact, when warranted by the needs of the disaster.

Representatives from the state, local governments, and FEMA continue to conduct joint preliminary damage assessments for the Public Assistance Program. I request that the adjustment be extended to the declared counties of: Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, and Wolfe. I request that, upon inclusion in FEMA-DR-

4663-KY, 100% federal share be extended to the additional counties subsequently designated for the Public Assistance Program.

Response operations are ongoing which include search and rescue operations, restoration of basic human needs such as water, power, and sheltering of impacted citizens. Debris estimations are being projected by teams of subject matter experts representing the state, FEMA, the Natural Resources and Conservation Services, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The amount of debris consisting of vegetation, vehicles, appliance, personal effects, and destroyed homes is staggering. The amount of debris will far exceed that of the Mayfield, Kentucky tornado event of December 2021.

The current twenty-five percent (25%) applicant cost share for these expenses will greatly exceed the available resources of the local governments and other eligible applicants. This in turn will delay response and recovery effectiveness. This adjustment is greatly needed and will be most appreciated.

I thank you for your consideration of this request and look forward to continuing to work with our Federal partners to assist our impacted Kentucky communities and citizens.

Sincerely,



Andy Beshear
Governor