

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 5, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

We are writing in full support of Governor Shumlin's request for disaster assistance to the State of Vermont for flooding damage sustained during the period of May 22, 2013 through May 26, 2013. During this period, rainfall totals ranged from three to eight inches across the state, with the heaviest damages in the northern third of the state.

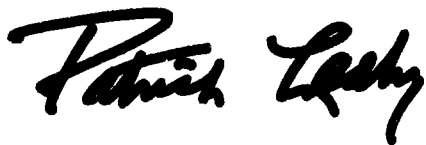
Vermont's streams and tributaries were at capacity following several days of near constant rain. Severe rainstorms, including "training" thunderstorms on the evening of Thursday, May 23, dropped as much as five to seven inches of rain in a matter of hours causing flash flooding that severely damaged roads, bridges and homes.

During and after the storm of May 23, thirty state and local roads were closed, some for several days. Rain continued to fall during the weekend of May 25 and 26, with large amounts of water remaining over many roadways. Snow and wind in the mountains, in addition to the flooding, led to power outages in over 12,000 homes.

The heaviest damage to culverts and roads was concentrated in northeastern Chittenden County and western Lamoille County. Damage levels exceed FEMA's threshold for Public Assistance in each county.

Vermont's resources remain deployed in response to Tropical Storm Irene (DR4066) recovery needs. This recent disaster places unforeseen, additional expenses on our state and local municipal governments, which continue to make the repairs necessary to open roads and to replace culverts. The State of Vermont has relied on its partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and we respectfully request your additional assistance as we respond to this recent flooding.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY  
United States Senator



BERNARD SANDERS  
United States Senator



PETER WELCH  
United States Representative