

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

September 19, 2022

Gracia B. Szczech  
Regional Administrator FEMA Region IV  
3005 Chamblee Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

Dear Administrator Szczech,

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to help Kentuckians recover from the flooding disaster (DR-4663) that occurred earlier this year. We write in support of the Governor and Kentucky Emergency Management's September 15, 2022 request to extend the Individuals and Households Assistance Program registration period for an additional 30 days.

As you know, the severity of this flooding event has displaced thousands of Kentuckians, many of whom are still seeking temporary shelter and basic needs as they work to rebuild their lives. The continued rain and challenging topography of this emergency has created a prolonged response phase and more time is needed to ensure that all eligible individuals are able to apply for the assistance they so desperately need. Further, many Kentuckians have expressed challenges in registering for assistance with FEMA, which has been complicated by damages to critical infrastructure that in some cases prevented eastern Kentuckians from traveling to in-person registration centers or registering through telephone or internet based services. More time is needed for those who have not yet been able to register, and this extension will help ensure our most vulnerable families are not left behind.

We thank you for your continued help to our neighbors during this difficult time.

Sincerely,



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UNITED STATES SENATOR



Rand Paul, M.D.  
UNITED STATES SENATOR



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