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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

This responds to your letter, dated June 18, 2008, to Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey requesting assistance for state and local law enforcement and criminal justice in Iowa in the aftermath of the recent floods. We appreciate hearing from you. A separate response will be sent to each signatory.

Please be assured that the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is committed to supporting the immediate law enforcement and criminal justice needs for Iowan communities affected by flooding. OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has implemented its emergency incident support which was developed post-Katrina to provide a range of assistance to grantees during these types of emergencies. BJA has already provided a six-month extension to the close-out date of any existing grants in flood-affected areas in Iowa, and has extended on request the deadline for the submission of Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) applications.

If we can be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Keith B. Nelson
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