

Congress of the United States

September 18, 2008

William Vogel, Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-1763-DR-IA Joint Field Office
4149 NW120th Street
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Dear Mr. Vogel:

We share a common goal of putting Iowans back on their feet following the flooding that devastated our state in June. Essential to that goal is that Iowans have the ability to claim necessary federal assistance.

With that common goal in mind, we support the State of Iowa's request for an extension of the FEMA Individual Assistance application period from September 29, 2008, to October 31, 2008. An extension is necessary due to the lengthy disaster period and the large number of registrations being filed. We are sure you agree that all eligible Iowans must be afforded the opportunity to apply for Individual Assistance.

We appreciate your prompt consideration of this request. It is essential that we work together to ensure Iowans have the support and resources necessary to clean up and rebuild following this flooding.

Sincerely,

Tom Harkin

Chuck Grassley

Leonard L. Bawell

Tom Latham

Bruce L. Braley

Steve King

Dave Loebsack