

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 27, 2014

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to approve as quickly as possible the amendment to the federal emergency disaster declaration requested by Washington Governor Jay Inslee on March 27, 2014.

As you know, on Saturday, March 22, 2014, a massive landslide near Oso, Washington, destroyed homes, damaged public infrastructure, and blocked the Stillaguamish River. At least 24 people have lost their lives and 90 are still unaccounted for. State Route 530, the primary transportation artery between Arlington, Darrington, and communities to the east, has been closed indefinitely due to the landslide.

We are enormously proud of the first responders and search and rescue personnel from multiple local and state agencies who have responded heroically to this tragedy. We also deeply appreciate the commitment of the many citizen volunteers, charities, businesses, and local elected officials who have risen to serve their neighbors during this very difficult time. While local communities and state agencies have responded admirably, a disaster of this magnitude requires long-term federal assistance to help in the response and recovery effort. We therefore urge you to approve a federal disaster declaration as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your quick attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



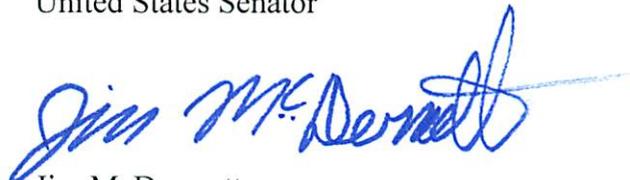
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