Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

July 10, 2015

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear President Obama:

We write to support the request of Governor John Hickenlooper and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) for federal disaster assistance for several counties that have endured severe weather and widespread flooding.

Between April 16 and June 20, severe storms and flooding throughout Colorado left major damage in Baca, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Logan, Morgan, Pueblo, Saguache, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma counties. Some areas saw rainfall up to 800 percent above average, causing widespread damage to public infrastructure and overwhelming many rivers and streams. Preliminary damage assessments show a combined total of nearly $20 million in damages across 11 counties. Several of these counties are still recovering from historic flooding and wildfires in 2012 and 2013.

State and local officials have responded swiftly and effectively, but require additional assistance to supplement recovery efforts. We respectfully request your prompt consideration of the Governor's July 7 request.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Cory Gardner
United States Senator

Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator

Scott Tipton
Member of Congress

Ken Buck
Member of Congress

Doug Lamborn
Member of Congress