

WASHINGTON, DC -- Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2), Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT), Senator Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), and the entire Connecticut Congressional delegation sent a letter to President Barack Obama this week urging him to provide federal assistance to Connecticut's cities, towns, businesses, and residents affected by recent severe weather.

The delegation letter supports Governor M. Jodi Rell's recently-submitted request for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to declare a major disaster for Connecticut as a result of the severe rainfall and hurricane force winds that hit Fairfield County and Southeastern Connecticut during an 18-day period last month. If the President declares a major disaster for Connecticut, it will activate a number of federal programs that will assist in the recovery efforts of individuals and local governments.