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The Honorable Kim Reynolds  
Governor of Iowa  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds:

This is in response to your August 16, 2020, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Iowa as a result of severe storms on August 10, 2020. You specifically requested Individual Assistance for 27 counties, Public Assistance for 16 counties, and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

On August 17, 2020, President Trump approved major disaster declaration FEMA-4557-DR for the State of Iowa as a result of severe storms that occurred on August 10, 2020. The President's declaration and subsequent amendments authorized Individual Assistance for Benton, Boone, Cedar, Jasper, Linn, Marshall, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Story, and Tama Counties; Public Assistance for Benton, Boone, Cedar, Clinton, Dallas, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Marshall, Muscatine, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Story, and Tama Counties; and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

The impact to the individuals and households and the infrastructure was significant in the counties designated for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance. However, based on the results of the joint federal, state, and local government Preliminary Damage Assessments, it has been determined that the impact to the individuals and households in Audubon, Cass, Clarke, Clinton, Dallas, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hardin, Iowa, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Madison, Muscatine, and Washington Counties is not of the severity and magnitude to warrant designated under the Individual Assistance program. Therefore, your request for Individual Assistance for these counties is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. The appeal, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to me through Paul Taylor, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VII, located at 11224 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Bibb".

David Bibb  
Associate Administrator (Acting)  
Office of Response and Recovery