



FEMA

MAY 28 2024

The Honorable Maura T. Healey  
Governor of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Governor Healey:

This is in response to your March 11, 2024, appeal of the denial of the request for a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a result of severe storms and flooding during the period of September 11-13, 2023. You specifically appealed the denial of Individual Assistance for two counties, Public Assistance for two counties, and Hazard Mitigation for the entire commonwealth.

On May 15, 2024, President Biden approved major disaster declaration FEMA-4780-DR for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a result of severe storms and flooding during the period of September 11-13, 2023. The declaration authorized Individual Assistance for Bristol and Worcester Counties and Hazard Mitigation for the entire commonwealth.

The impact to the individuals and households from this event was significant in the areas designated for Individual Assistance. However, based on our review of all the information included in the initial request and appeal, we reaffirm our original finding that the damage to the infrastructure from this event was not of such severity and magnitude as to warrant the designation of Public Assistance under FEMA-4780-DR. Therefore, your appeal for the Public Assistance program is denied.

I hope the assistance provided under FEMA-4780-DR-MA has contributed to the overall recovery from this event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DK Turi".

Keith A. Turi  
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