

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 30, 2017

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

In late June, major agricultural counties in Michigan experienced severe flooding. These counties include Midland, Isabella, Gladwin, Bay and surrounding areas. Local communities, the State of Michigan, our State Farm Service Agency and our producers are currently assessing the significant crop loss and damage.

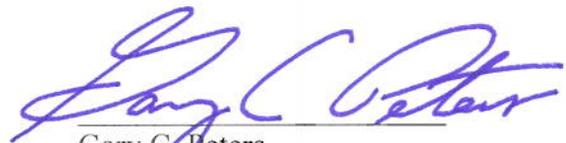
We are writing to ask for your Department's support of this assessment and careful consideration should a request for a disaster declaration be made for the impacted counties. Given the seriousness of initial reports of crop damage and loss, we urge you to expedite the decision making process for a declaration.

These impacted counties are critical to Michigan's agricultural economy. Thank you for your prompt consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator



Gary C. Peters
United States Senator