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The Honorable Tom Vilsack  
Secretary of Agriculture  
United States Department of Agriculture  
14<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

Oh behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I formally request USDA disaster assistance be made available to our farmers in western and west-central Kentucky. The following request is due to drought conditions beginning August 1 and continuing for the following counties:

Fulton	Hickman	Carlisle	Ballard
McCracken	Graves	Marshall	Calloway
Union	Webster	Henderson	Daviess
Hancock	McLean	Ohio	Livingston
Lyon	Trigg	Crittenden	Caldwell
Christian	Hopkins	Muhlenberg	Todd
Breckinridge	Meade	Hardin	Grayson
LaRue	Nelson	Marion	Washington
Logan	Simpson	Bullitt	

The current drought conditions have critically impacted our agriculture sector and include early harvest of corn and substantially reduced yields of all crops, loss of pasture for grazing and loss of water supplies for livestock.

Thank you in advance for your full and timely consideration of this request. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven L. Beshear".

Steven L. Beshear