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U.S. Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE) last night sent a letter supporting Governor Dave Heineman's request for a Major Disaster Declaration in the wake of flooding and severe weather which have occurred in Nebraska since May of this year.

"Downtown Omaha has experienced sporadic flash flooding, often after even moderate rains, due to sewers reaching capacity as a result of the Missouri River's current elevation. To the north and south of Omaha, large portions of agricultural land have been completely flooded throughout the Missouri River valley. NEMA reports that the flooding has affected critical infrastructure: including major interstate highways, freight and passenger railroads, and even two nuclear power plants located at Fort Calhoun and Brownsville, Nebraska.

"The people of Nebraska affected by this disaster need recovery assistance made available to them if they need it. I thank you in advance for your consideration of this request," Terry said in the letter.