

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 26, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

I write you today in support of Governor Andy Beshear's March 24, 2020, request for a major disaster declaration for the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the growing threat posed by the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The COVID-19 pandemic threatens—and will continue to threaten—lives and the public health throughout Kentucky. Accordingly, on March 6, 2020, Governor Beshear declared the Commonwealth of Kentucky to be in a State of Emergency for purposes of mobilizing state response and relief resources, including the Kentucky National Guard.

I respectfully urge you to promptly consider this request by Governor Beshear. Additionally, I ask that you work to expedite delivery of the 100,000 test kits and 5,000 swabs that have been requested by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. If I can be of assistance, or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rand Paul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rand" and last name "Paul" clearly distinguishable.

Rand Paul, M.D.
United States Senator