

WASHINGTON, D.C. , The Massachusetts delegation has sent the following letter to President Bush to

Under the Stafford Act, a governor may seek an emergency declaration for his or her state from the F

Senator Kennedy said, "Communities of Massachusetts are welcoming victims of Katrina with open

"The people of Massachusetts have opened their arms to Hurricane Katrina's victims. We are working

"The Commonwealth's compassionate efforts to provide aid to those affected by Hurricane Katrina sh

Congressman Delahunt said, "The New England tradition of neighbor helping neighbor is alive and wel

"Massachusetts has opened its door to help those in need, and now it is time for the federal governmen

"To adequately meet the needs of the Hurricane Katrina evacuees at Camp Edwards, it is essential tha

ìThe people of Massachusetts have leapt to action to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina," Rep. McG

Congressman Olver said, "So far, Massachusetts has been able to provide hundreds of evacuees with

"We need to work fast to expedite assistance to the residents of Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama w

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch said, "It is imperative that the evacuees from Hurricane Katrina receiv

"In a time of crisis, Massachusetts has acted in the spirit of national unity. By taking in over 200 peopl

The letter sent to President Bush today, signed by the entire Massachusetts delegation, is below:

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500
Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our strong support for the request by the Commonwealth of Massach

A federal disaster declaration will provide much-needed assistance to meet the immediate and

Massachusetts was among the first states in the nation to offer assistance to Katrina evacuees

With respect and appreciation, and we thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

[The Massachusetts Delegation] ###