

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20513

May 19, 2026

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins:

We write in support of Governor Josh Shapiro's request for a Secretarial Disaster Designation for all counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in response to significant damage caused by below-freezing temperatures that impacted numerous crops across the state on April 21, 2026.

Earlier this year, the Mid-Atlantic region experienced several weeks of warm weather, leading to fruit and trees blossoming. In late April, the commonwealth experienced extremely low temperatures, with some farmers reporting temperatures in the 20s. Growers of diverse specialty crops—including apples, peaches, cherries, apricots, pears, strawberries, and grapes – in our commonwealth sustained significant damage to their crops from these freezing temperatures.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 301, 7 U.S.C. 1961 and 1989, and implemented by 7 CFR §759, we ask that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania receive a secretarial disaster declaration.

We respectfully request your swift consideration and approval of this designation in accordance with all laws, rules, regulations, and agency policies. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



John Fetterman
United States Senator



David H. McCormick
United States Senator

*Thank you for
your consultation
and leadership!
Dave*



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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Madeleine Dean
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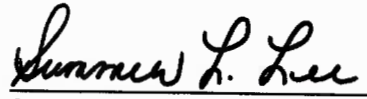
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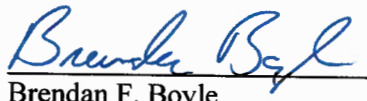
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