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## **Western Mass Legislators Request Additional Assistance for Town and Cities Affected by Tropical Storm Irene**

**(BOSTON)**—Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties Legislators are requesting Chairman Brian Dempsey of Ways and Means to support funding the repairs and significant recovery costs for damages caused by Tropical Storm Irene.

Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties were under Major Disaster Declaration, whereby FEMA will provide reimbursement to cities and towns for 75% of the repair costs of bridges, roads, culverts, and other specified infrastructure. The concern is the burden then falls to the towns in affording the remaining 25 % of the costs.

State Representatives Gailanne Cariddi, Denise Andrews, Steve Kulik, Paul Mark, Smitty Pignatelli, John Scibak, Peter Kocot, Angelo Puppolo, Nicholas Boldyga, Brian Ashe, Todd Smola, Donald Humason, Ben Swan, Ellen Story, Joseph Wagner, Michael Kane, Sean Curran and Michael Finn have requested additional funding to address restoration and rebuilding.

The impact and devastation caused by Tropical Storm Irene to roads, infrastructure, and personal properties throughout the region is substantial and additional financial support is being pursued to provide additional relief to our cities and towns.

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