



Dear Patrick,

This weekend's floods in Texas took lives, destroyed homes, and shattered families. Our hearts are with every person grieving and every community starting over.

In moments like these, we owe it to each other to ask hard questions and to do better.

This tragedy wasn't only about the weather. In 2025, over 600 National Weather Service jobs were cut, leaving key forecasting offices short-staffed. While alerts were issued, communication faltered where it mattered most. Local officials didn't get the warnings they needed in time.

One of those vacancies was left by Paul Yura, the longtime Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the region, who took early retirement, offered by the administration, in April, leaving a critical role unfilled just months before this disaster.

We know this story in IL-15.

- 2019: floods destroyed crops and livelihoods
- 2020: roads disappeared under water
- 2023: towns flooded before alerts even arrived

Mary Miller's votes on disaster preparedness and public safety show a pattern of choosing politics over people. In times like these, our communities deserve a representative who shows up, speaks out, and delivers when it matters most.

Preparedness isn't fear. It's respect. It's responsibility. It's protecting the people you serve.

As a nurse, a mom, and the daughter of a veteran, I've spent my life responding in moments of crisis. IL-15 deserves leadership that listens to science, protects families, and invests in readiness.

If you agree, I hope you'll help us meet our July fundraising goal so we can reach more voters with this message.

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Thank you for believing in what's possible.

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