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CHAPMAN - Congressman Jerry Moran this week announced he has staff available in Chapman throughout the next several weeks and months as residents continue the clean-up and recovery process and begin rebuilding.

"Neighbors and friends are already coming together to begin the clean-up and rebuilding process in Chapman," Moran said. "The community is coming together during difficult circumstances. My staff is available to help residents throughout this process."

After learning of the storm, Moran flew back to Kansas and visited Chapman last Thursday afternoon and Friday morning to meet with local emergency and government officials and the many residents whose homes were damaged or destroyed. Monte Shadwick of Moran's office has been in Chapman on multiple occasions this week and is available to assist area residents. He can be reached in the Salina office at 785-309-0572. Shadwick is available to answer questions and provide recovery information.

Moran has asked President Bush for federal assistance for the central and northeast area of Kansas that suffered extensive damage following severe weather. He also spoke with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator R. David Paulison and other FEMA officials about assistance from the federal government. Federal assistance can help with cleanup and recovery efforts for public facilities and infrastructure. It can also include assistance from federal programs including housing and small business.

According to the Adjutant General's office, the City of Chapman is in need of tents, ropes, gloves and trash bags to assist in clean-up efforts. At this time, clothing is not being accepted. Donations can be taken to the checkpoint on the north side of town. Kansans can find information about how to help victims of recent severe weather by visiting Moran's Web site at www.jerrymoran.house.gov/.

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