

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 9, 2014

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the State of Tennessee, we are writing to support Governor Bill Haslam's request to declare a major disaster pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act as a result of the severe winter storms that impacted our state beginning March 2 through March 4, 2014.

Governor Bill Haslam has submitted a request for Public Assistance for Carroll, Cheatham, Dickson, Fayette, Haywood, Houston, Madison, Shelby and Tipton counties, as well as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program assistance statewide. We strongly urge you to approve Governor Haslam's request, and we hope you will consider our State's request as soon as possible.

The severe winter storms that swept through Tennessee beginning March 2 created widespread power losses that impacted residents, businesses, schools, and state and local government operations. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments suggest that damages already exceed \$12 million, and the per capita impact in the nine counties included in the Governor's request are disproportionately high.

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency has been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency since the beginning of this incident, and we are grateful for their efforts to respond to Tennessee's needs. Our offices can provide you with any additional information should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



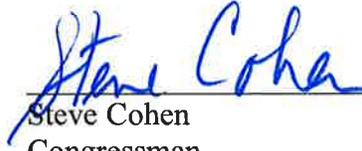
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