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February 9, 2026

The Honorable Bill Lee
Governor of the State of Tennessee
600 Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Governor Lee,

I am writing to follow up on my earlier request. Now that your January 28 request to President Trump for a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Tennessee from the Severe Winter Storm that occurred January 22-27, 2026, has been approved, I respectfully ask that you submit an additional request for Public Assistance funding for Shelby County to address the extensive damages caused by the January 2026 winter storm.

Based on updated assessments, Shelby County's total estimated costs have increased to over \$6.6 million, covering emergency protective measures, roads and bridges, buildings and equipment, utilities, and other critical infrastructure. FEMA has validated damages, and Shelby County has met the threshold to receive Public Assistance.

As you know, Public Assistance funding will be essential to help Shelby County and its municipalities recover and restore vital services for residents. We appreciate your continued support and swift action on this matter.

As always, I remain,

Most sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress