

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 21, 2020

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

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the State of Texas, we are writing in support of Governor Abbott's request to declare a major disaster pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act as a result of severe weather and tornadoes that impacted our state beginning October 20, 2019.

On January 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott submitted a request for Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Statewide, and Direct Federal Assistance for Cameron, Dallas, and Erath counties, which were directly affected by the storms. We respectfully urge you to approve Governor Abbott's request, and appreciate your timely support for the people of the State of Texas.

The severe weather and tornadoes that swept through Cameron, Dallas, and Erath counties left in their wake catastrophic damage to homes, public infrastructure, and commercial property. Immediately following the storms, State and local government, along with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), began to assess the extent of the damage. The Insurance Council of Texas has estimated about \$2 billion in insured losses from the tornadoes alone, making this weather event one of the costliest for the affected region.

We applaud the Texas Department of Emergency Management and local governments for a coordinated disaster response and commend local responders and police for their efforts to keep Texans safe in this storm's aftermath. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

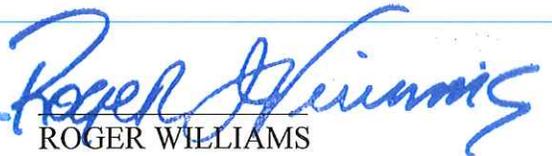
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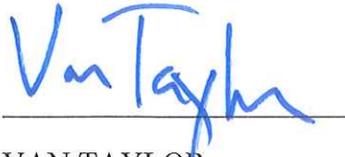
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