

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Joseph Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Administrator Deanne Criswell
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. President and Administrator Criswell:

We write to urge you to act swiftly on the request by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for 8 counties in Ohio.

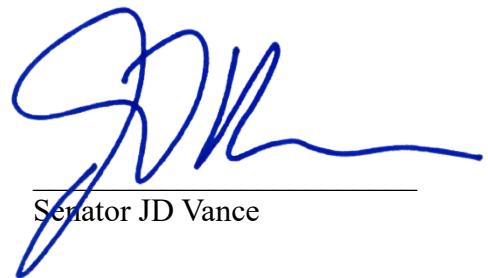
Tornados, severe storms, and flooding in Eastern Ohio over the month of April led to significant damage, causing widespread destruction of homes, apartments, and businesses. The State and local governments in the affected areas do not have the capability to sufficiently respond to this major disaster, and therefore, federal assistance is necessary to supplement recovery efforts. Should FEMA have any concern that the damage from these storms does not meet the threshold for public disaster assistance, we urge you to work with Governor DeWine and local officials so that they may provide the evidence necessary to ensure FEMA has a full picture of the recovery assistance that Ohioans need.

We fully support Governor DeWine's request and urge your prompt consideration. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Thank you,



Senator Sherrod Brown



Senator JD Vance