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The Honorable Ted Strickland
Governor of Ohio
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Dear Governor Strickland,

I am extremely disappointed to learn of FEMA's decision to deny the federal major disaster declaration request you made for the counties of Wood, Fulton, and Ottawa that were affected by the recent tornados. Although the state has provided relief funds and other aid, I have grave concerns that it is not enough to assist these rural communities in the rebuilding process. I am requesting that you appeal this denial decision to the President within the 30 day time frame that is allowed for appeals.

For an area that is already struggling in this economic downturn, and has been extremely hard hit with high unemployment, the impact caused by these storms is overwhelming. Please file this appeal for these counties, and assist these communities in their time of need. If you have any questions, or would like to speak with me personally regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 225-6405.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Latta
Member of Congress

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Cc: Nancy Dragani, Executive Director, Ohio Emergency Management Agency