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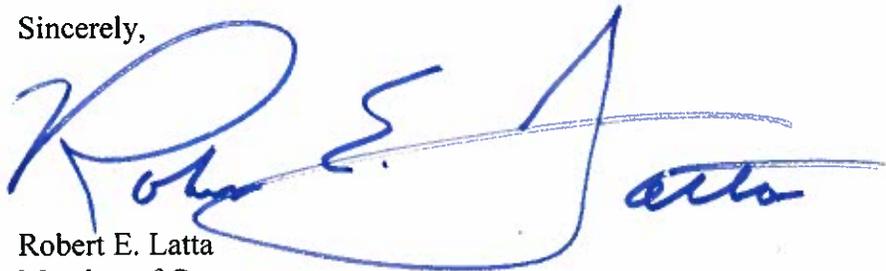
Dear Administrator Fugate:

Recently, I, along with my colleagues in the Ohio Congressional Delegation, sent a letter to President Obama asking that he approve Governor Strickland's request for a federal disaster declaration for the counties of Wood, Fulton, and Ottawa that were affected by the recent tornados. As these small rural communities struggle to put their lives, homes, and businesses back together, I respectfully ask that you, and your colleagues at FEMA, expedite the review process in an effort to help move the healing and rebuilding along at a reasonable pace.

As I have stated in my previous letters, these communities need this assistance to help restore their lives and livelihood in an area where the economy continues to suffer and unemployment remains unacceptably high. Continued delays in the processing of this request only exacerbate the problems that these towns already face. Again, I would respectfully ask that all measures possible be taken to expedite this request to the White House.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. 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,



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