

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 25, 2010

The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

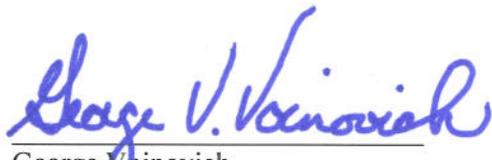
The recent denial of the Governor of Ohio's request for a disaster declaration for Northwest Ohio was extremely disappointing. We understand the Governor has appealed the decision with respect for public assistance.

On the evening of June 5th and the morning of June 6th, severe storms and tornadoes ravaged Northwest Ohio. The storms killed six people in Wood County and caused extensive property damage in Wood, Fulton and Ottawa counties. The region continues to seek federal assistance to help in its recovery from this fatal storm. We urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency act as quickly as possible in reviewing the request for assistance submitted by the State of Ohio.

It is important to place this disaster in context. The citizens in the affected counties are not only reeling in the wake of a natural disaster, they are struggling in a local economy severely weakened by the national economic crisis. Each day that passes brings more uncertainty for Ohioans in the affected areas. Federal assistance would enable them to repair their communities so that their efforts to recover from the economic downturn are not compounded on a long-term basis by the effects of the storms and tornadoes. Local disaster relief agencies and the State of Ohio's Emergency Management Agency are awaiting the federal government's assistance and its ramifications before they can carry out a number of relief efforts.

We appreciate your attention to this urgent request, and hope FEMA can move with the speed that these communities require.

Sincerely,



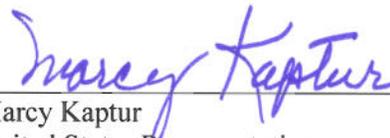
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