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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1312

March 8, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

I am writing in support of Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's request for a federal disaster declaration for five Southern Illinois counties - Gallatin, Randolph, Saline, Union and Williamson - that suffered damage as the result of strong storms and tornadoes on February 29 through March 2.

Three of the counties affected are in the congressional district that I represent. There was extreme damage to the area, including seven deaths, over 70 injuries, 426 damaged homes - 104 of which were destroyed. The request is for Individual Assistance and Small Business Administration disaster loans in the affected counties and Hazard Mitigation Assistance for all counties statewide. The debris removal effort is ongoing, and is placing extreme financial burdens on these communities. A federal disaster declaration will greatly assist the residents and local governments of the region recover from these serious storms.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if I can provide additional information or be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

Jerry F. Costello
Member of Congress

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