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October 30, 2020

The Honorable J. Kevin Stitt
Governor, State of Oklahoma
Oklahoma State Capitol
2300 N Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Governor Stitt:

On Monday, October 26, the state of Oklahoma experienced one of the worst ice storms in our history. Nearly 375,000 power outages have been reported across our state, and as of today, more than 200,000 households and businesses in Oklahoma remain without power. I applaud your efforts in issuing a state of emergency to help expedite relief efforts.

Since this disaster occurred, repair crews have been working around the clock in inclement weather to ensure power is restored to as many homes as possible. The repair and recovery efforts have been compounded by downed trees and debris that will take weeks, if not months, to clean up across our entire state. Although we do not yet have a complete damage assessment, it is clear that the damage is significant and the cleanup will be costly.

When Oklahoma was hit with another historically severe ice storm in 2007, Governor Brad Henry requested a major disaster declaration which was granted by President George W. Bush. President Bush's declaration made possible an estimated \$30,566,892 in public assistance, in addition to an estimated \$754,748 in total individual assistance for the 268 residences impacted. These funds were an integral part of the cleanup and recovery efforts on the ground in Oklahoma.

In times of need, Oklahomans have a rich history of coming together and providing selfless relief to those who need it the most.

I urge you to request a major disaster declaration to provide relief to Oklahomans in the wake of this disaster, and I stand ready to support your request at the federal level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kendra S. Horn".

Kendra S. Horn
Member of Congress