

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 8, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of Michigan's Major Disaster declaration request in response to widespread and severe weather during the period of April 10-21, 2026. The Governor has requested the activation of all Individual Assistance (IA) programs for the counties of Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Barry, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Iosco, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mecosta, Missaukee, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Washtenaw, and Wexford. The Governor has also requested categories A through G of the Public Assistance (PA) program for the 26 counties of Alcona, Alpena, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Eaton, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Iron, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Marquette, Mecosta, Menominee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Presque Isle, Tuscola, and Wexford.

Starting on April 10, much of Michigan experienced multiple rounds of severe thunderstorms, heavy rainfall, tornadoes, high winds, and large hail, resulting in flash flooding and major to record river flooding. The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a record number of flash flood warnings (13), flood warnings (24), and flood advisories (25) for Michigan in the month of April. This extreme weather caused seven river gauge sites to reach Major Flood stage and four sites set new record crests. These conditions forced hundreds of residents to be displaced from their homes, temporarily or permanently while others were left stranded on their properties. Across the state, utility services were disrupted. Numerous roads were flooded or washed out, and tornadoes impacted numerous communities, damaging homes, businesses, and infrastructure. In response, over ten shelters were set up statewide. Residents now face financial hardship for years to come without federal assistance as they attempt to repair and restore their damaged homes to pre-disaster condition, repair or replace mechanical and electrical systems, and replace personal belongings. In addition to the impact on individuals and residences, the extreme weather caused widespread power outages and impacted water and wastewater systems. Dams had to be closely monitored with flood-mitigation measures put in place, in addition to

downed trees and the accumulation of debris, and the degradation of agriculture and environmentally sensitive areas.

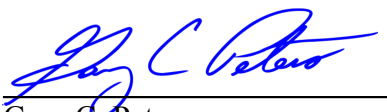
Governor Whitmer acted under state law and proclaimed states of emergency for 42 jurisdictions across the state, including directing state departments and agencies to utilize all available resources in the response. Local jurisdictions also quickly acted and implemented the response and recovery elements of their Emergency Operations Plans in a timely way. Due to the swift response and information provided by NWS, there were no fatalities and only a few severe injuries were sustained.

The Preliminary Damage Assessment conducted for IA-related damage found significant damage. The Individuals and Households Program (IHP) damage assessment for the 37 counties that require activation of the IA program identified 15 destroyed homes, 657 homes with major damage, 395 homes with minor damage, and 452 affected homes. In addition, 946 households were found potentially eligible for temporary housing assistance, 724 households for housing repair assistance, 8 households for housing replacement assistance, and 1,240 households for Other Needs Assistance (ONA) funding for essential household items and services. Households would be eligible for an estimated \$15,486,048 in Housing Assistance and ONA based on PDA-verified damages.

In addition, the PDA for PA-related damages found that the impacted counties have estimated the disaster caused over \$23 million in damages eligible for reimbursement under the PA program. The statewide per-capita cost of \$2.32 exceeds the statewide per-capita impact indicator of \$1.94 established for the current fiscal year. As noted in the Governor's request, all 26 counties included in the request for activation of the PA program also exceed the countywide per-capita indicator of \$4.86. Countywide indicators for the counties included in the request range between \$4.94 for Gratiot County and \$330.85 for Cheboygan County, which incurred almost \$8.5 million in total verified damage and exceeds the county per-capita indicator by a factor of over 68. The magnitude of damage for the state, which is still recovering from seven other state-declared disasters occurring in the past 24 months, requires federal assistance to fully recover.

We commend the great work the federal government has done in helping Michigan recover from previous disasters. However, in the absence of a federal disaster declaration, Michigan will not have the capacity to ensure these communities receive the aid they need to fully recover. We urge your timely review and approval of this request.

Sincerely,



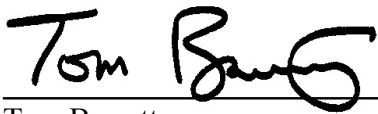
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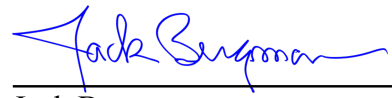


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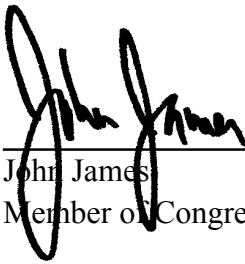
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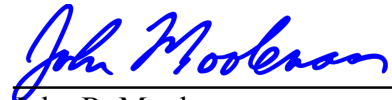
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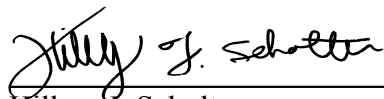
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