

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

April 2, 2025

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

Dear President Trump,

In the wake of recent extreme weather that brought severe thunderstorms and violent tornadoes to the State of Mississippi, we request your full consideration of Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves' request for a federal disaster declaration.


We appreciate the efforts of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help Mississippians recover from past disasters. As recovery efforts continue, we anticipate expeditious support from the agency in assisting state and local officials.

From the night of March 14 through March 15, 2025, at least 20 Mississippi counties endured extreme weather conditions, including hurricane-force winds, baseball-sized hail, 18 tornadoes, and flash flooding. A magnitude 3.0 earthquake also struck near Magee, Mississippi, during the storms. Tragically, seven Mississippians lost their lives as a result of these storms, which caused extensive damage to homes, businesses, and infrastructure. FEMA-validated reports indicate that the storms caused at least \$18.2 million in damages, including 233 destroyed homes and 208 homes with major damage.

Governor Reeves has requested a federal disaster declaration including Individual Assistance for the following 14 counties: Carroll, Covington, Grenada, Holmes, Issaquena, Itawamba, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Leflore, Marion, Montgomery, Pike, Smith, and Walthall. The request also includes Public Assistance for the following 17 counties: Calhoun, Carroll, Covington, Grenada, Humphreys, Issaquena, Itawamba, Jefferson Davis, Lee, Leflore, Marion, Pike, Prentiss, Sharkey, Smith, Walthall, and Washington.

Available resources from state and local governments and volunteer organizations are inadequate to meet the state's recovery needs. Significant federal assistance and cooperation are needed for Mississippi to rebuild. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,



ROGER F. WICKER
United States Senator



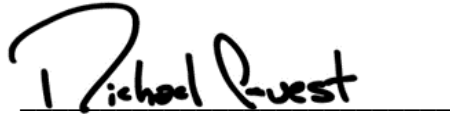
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