



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

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October 14, 2010

Mr. Frank Skaggs
U. S. Small Business Administration
Office of Disaster Assistance
Field Operations Center East
101 Marietta St. NW, Suite 700
Atlanta, GA 30303-2725

Dear Mr. Skaggs:

I am requesting a U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration for the state of Minnesota in the counties of Blue Earth, Dodge, Faribault, Goodhue, Martin, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, and Watonwan as a result of severe storms and flooding during the period of September 22, 2010, and continuing.

Record or near-record rains — more than 10 inches in less than 24 hours in some communities — that fell on saturated ground caused flooding across the southern third of the state, affecting 35 counties. A state of emergency was declared in 17 counties and 30 cities. Damage to homes, farmsteads, public infrastructure, and businesses has been extensive.

A Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) was conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and local officials September 27-30, 2010. The PDA identified 183 homes and 41 businesses that are considered destroyed or damaged to the extent that they are uninhabitable without extensive repair.

On October 1, 2010, I requested a major declaration for Individual Assistance (IA) pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act). Although this disaster is devastating to the individuals, households, and business operators directly impacted by the severe storms and flooding, my request for

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federal assistance was denied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on October 14, 2010. Although I will not appeal the FEMA denial for an Individual Assistance disaster declaration, I am seeking immediate federal assistance from the SBA.

Based on the information collected during the PDA, I certify that in the counties of Martin, Olmsted, Steele, and Wabasha there are at least 25 homes or 25 businesses or a combination thereof that have sustained uninsured losses of 40 percent or more of the estimated fair market replacement value or pre-disaster fair market value of the damaged property, whichever is lower. I request consideration of all counties named in this request due to the statewide nature of these events. I therefore request an SBA Disaster Declaration for Blue Earth, Dodge, Faribault, Goodhue, Martin, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, and Watonwan counties and I request that the SBA disaster loans be offered to eligible individuals and businesses in the counties that are contiguous to the requested counties.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Pawlenty', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Kris Eide, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division