



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3605

February 19, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

President Biden:

We are grateful for your quick response to approve an initial disaster declaration for the state of Texas earlier this week. We write today to respectfully request that you move swiftly to approve the major disaster declaration issued by Governor Abbott last night.

Our home state has been battered by unprecedented winter weather that has affected all 254 counties in Texas, overwhelmed the power grid, and crippled our roadways. The historic impacts of winter precipitation and arctic temperatures have left millions of Texans without power, potable water, and have strained the supply chain for food and other necessities.

The effects of the storm have been felt across the state in urban and rural areas alike. Due to extended frigid temperatures and dwindling feed supplies, livestock producers anticipate devastating losses to their herds. In addition, citrus and other specialty crops are anticipated to incur major losses with potential lingering impacts on other essential commodities.

The State of Texas has mobilized a whole-of-government response to the weather events to ensure continuation of essential services and provide relief. Early estimations show damages are in excess of \$27 million with many local jurisdictions unable to provide full damage assessments due to ongoing weather conditions. This total is expected to grow exponentially and surpass the necessary threshold.

Again, we request that you move quickly to approve the major disaster declaration and avoid delay that could hamper ongoing recovery efforts in the state and alleviate suffering.

Sincerely,

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August Pfluger
Member of Congress

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Dan Crenshaw
Member of Congress

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Lance Gooden
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Louie Gohmert
Member of Congress

Van Taylor
Member of Congress

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Michael Cloud
Member of Congress

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Pat Fallon
Member of Congress