

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 27, 2016

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In the wake of the devastating weather events across the State of Texas, we are writing in support of Governor Greg Abbott's request for a Major Disaster Declaration as a result of winter storms, tornadoes, and flooding since December 26th, 2015. This severe weather has caused significant destruction of property and resulted in tragic loss of life.

We have been encouraged by the efforts of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to rapidly deploy assistance to state and local officials to assess the severity of initial damages.

On behalf of the 27 million Texans we proudly represent, we ask that you expedite the processing and approval of the state's request so that our affected communities and constituents, many of whom experienced multiple major disasters last year, can better recover from this tragedy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator



TED CRUZ
United States Senator