

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Tony Robinson
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Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

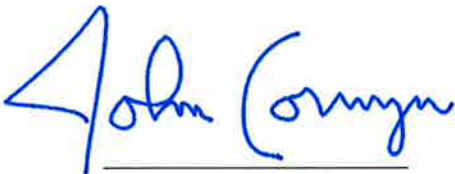
As you know, several counties in the Dallas area are struggling to recover from an outbreak of tornadoes last October. These tornadoes and other severe weather events caused an estimated \$2 billion in damages, making it the most expensive tornado outbreak in Texas history.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments have been ongoing in the affected area since October 28, 2019. The size of the impacted area, the complexity of the disaster, and the need to distinguish damages sustained during the incident period have complicated recovery efforts. FEMA Region VI, the state, and local jurisdictions have been working to ensure damage assessments are validated accurately and the full geographic scope of the disaster is realized. We commend FEMA's efforts to conduct these assessments in a thorough manner, but the process has been slow and taxing, preventing Texas communities from moving forward in their recovery efforts.

In the last four years, Texas has received 12 major disaster declarations for catastrophic weather events, including Hurricane Harvey. These disasters have strained local resources and fatigued first responders, non-profit partners, and millions of Texans as they struggle to recover. For these reasons, we respectfully ask you to work quickly to validate damage estimates and communicate your findings to Administrator Gaynor and President Trump.

We stand prepared to assist you in any way possible to ensure prompt evaluation of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our offices with any questions.

Sincerely,



JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator



TED CRUZ
United States Senator

cc: Administrator Pete Gaynor