

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 4, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to express our support for Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen's request for disaster relief for 52 counties hit hard by recent storms in Tennessee. Beginning Friday, April 30, 2010, and continuing through the weekend, severe storms, tornadoes and flooding struck numerous counties in our state causing significant damages.

Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) officials have worked diligently to coordinate the state's response to this tragedy. Governor Bredesen is employing significant resources from several of the state's departments, including TEMA, Department of Environment and Conservation, Department of Health, Department of Human Service, Department of Transportation, Department of Safety, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and Civil Air Patrol to provide support and relief for the impacted areas.

Public Assistance will also be requested in all categories, including Individual Assistance – Individuals and Households Program (IHP); Disaster Unemployment Assistance; Crisis Counseling; Disaster Food Stamp Program; American Bar Association Young Lawyers Legal Aid; and Small Business Administration disaster loans.

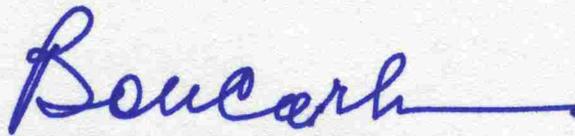
As these disasters have placed a significant financial burden on the State, local government and individuals impacted, the state of Tennessee is requesting joint FEMA-State Preliminary Damage Assessments be conducted as soon as waters have receded enough to make reasonable determinations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for relief for Tennesseans suffering from these events. Please contact our offices if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Lamar Alexander  
United States Senator



Bob Corker  
United States Senator