

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 21, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to urge you to quickly approve Governor Bill Lee's request to declare a major disaster pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act as a result of the severe storms, flooding, straight-line wind and catastrophic tornadoes that struck East Tennessee on April 12-13, 2020.

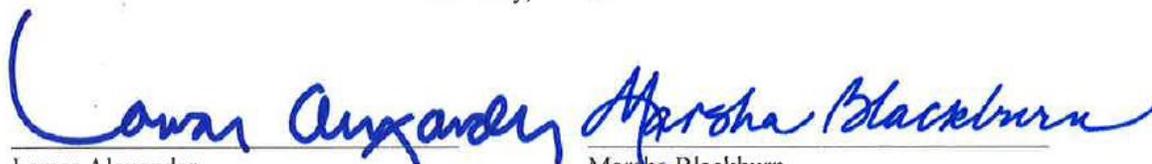
At least 4 Tennesseans lost their lives and 29 Tennesseans were hospitalized by these storms. Governor Lee tells me that approximately 85,000 Tennessee homes and businesses were without power, 4 schools were severely damaged, and homes, buildings, roads, bridges, utilities and businesses in several counties throughout East Tennessee suffered major damage. All, while these communities and first responders combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Images of the devastation are heartbreaking, and federal assistance is needed to help with recovery efforts.

Tennessee Emergency Management Agency has been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and we are grateful for their efforts to respond to our community's needs. First responders throughout Tennessee haven been working nonstop, and we appreciate their bravery.

Governor Lee is requesting Individual Assistance for Bradley and Hamilton County; Public Assistance for Bradley, Campbell, Hamilton, Marion, Monroe, Polk, Scott, and Washington County; as well as Hazard Mitigation statewide pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act is attached, and we urge you to approve Governor Lee's request on behalf of the State of Tennessee as soon as possible.

Our offices can provide you with any additional information you need.

Sincerely,



Lamar Alexander  
United States Senator

Marsha Blackburn  
United States Senator



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Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress



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David P. Roe, M.D.  
Member of Congress



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Scott DesJarlais  
Member of Congress