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STATE OF OHIO

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Mr. Frank Skaggs, Center Director
U.S. SBA Field Operations Center, East
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2725

Dear Mr. Skaggs:

I am writing to respectfully request that Clermont County, Ohio be considered by the Small Business Administration (SBA) for an Agency-only disaster declaration for the SBA Disaster Recovery loan program for homeowners, renters, businesses and churches.

On March 2, 2012, several southern Ohio counties were impacted by tornados, high winds and flooding. These tornados devastated homes, businesses, vehicles and public buildings throughout Clermont County.

Numerous volunteer organizations, local governments and state resources continue assisting with the cleanup efforts. On Monday, March 5 the State of Ohio requested a FEMA Joint Individual Assistance PDA for Clermont County. Based on the results of the Joint PDA, I requested a major disaster declaration on Wednesday, March 7 for Individual Assistance. This request was denied on Friday March 9.

The Joint PDA results are as follows: 19 Destroyed, 23 Major, 25 Minor and 78 Affected. This assessment indicates this event may meet the SBA criteria of a combination of at least twenty-five (25) homes or businesses that have sustained uninsured losses equal to 40% or more of their estimated fair market value. The losses sustained by the survivors are irretrievable from any other source and the SBA low-interest loans would greatly expedite their recovery.

I certify this information is accurate, that the State of Ohio will not appeal FEMA's denial and that the State will not seek to add any other counties.

Thank you for your timely attention to this request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Kasich".

John R. Kasich
Governor of Ohio