May 29, 2014

Mr. Timothy R.F. Skaggs, Center Director
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Dear Mr. Skaggs:

On May 12-13, 2014, a severe storm system moved through Lorain County Ohio producing heavy rainfall, strong winds and flooding. Following the event, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and local authorities conducted damage assessments in the impacted areas and estimates indicate that there are a total of 97 homes and/or businesses with uninsured damages resulting from this incident.

Based on this information, and a United States Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster survey, the requisite 25 homes and businesses sustained uninsured losses of 40 percent or more of the estimate fair replacement value. Therefore, Lorain County qualifies for an SBA physical disaster declaration, pursuant to 13 CFR 123.3. Accordingly I request that the SBA issue a physical disaster declaration for Lorain County and offer low-interest SBA disaster loans to affected households and businesses that qualify. Ohio is not seeking from the President an Individual Assistance declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for this event.

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

Sincerely,

John R. Kasich
Governor