

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

August 17, 2012

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in support of Governor John Kasich's request for a major disaster declaration for the state of Ohio. Severe storms and high winds swept across the state from June 29 to July 2, 2012. These storms caused significant damage with debris that remains to be cleared as well as significant power outages during an extreme heat wave.

Local governments incurred significant costs for debris removal, power restoration, and water distribution. Debris removal continues as well as repairs to municipal utilities and government facilities. A major disaster declaration is necessary to ensure state and local authorities have necessary resources available to assist Ohioans in affected areas.

We fully support Governor Kasich's request and urge your prompt consideration. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown  
United States Senator



Rob Portman  
United States Senator



Steve Austria  
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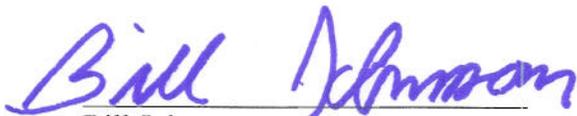
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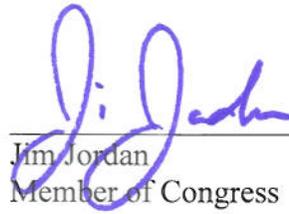
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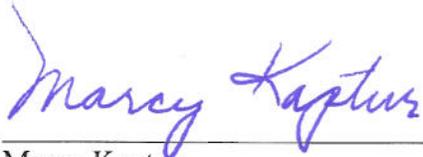
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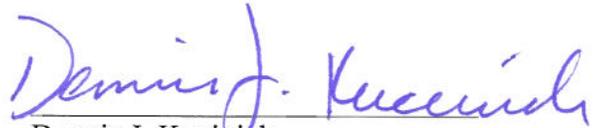
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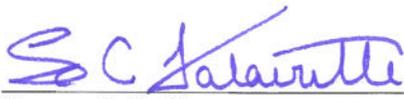
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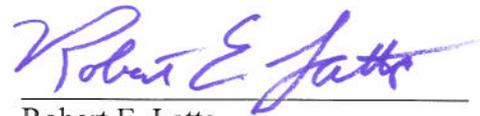
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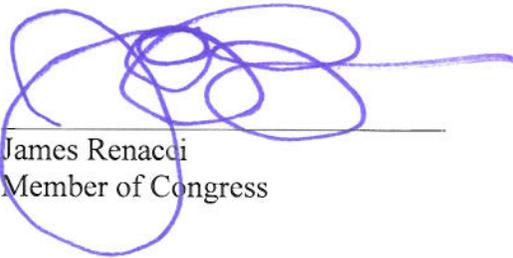
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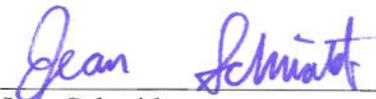
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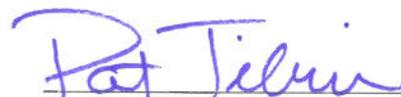
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