

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 25, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

We, the undersigned Members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation, write to respectfully urge your approval of Governor Whitmer's May 16, 2025, request for a Major Disaster Declaration in response to the severe ice storm that struck Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula from March 28-30, 2025.

The unprecedented storm brought record levels of snow and freezing rain to thirteen counties and one federally recognized tribe, causing widespread damage to homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure. Tens of thousands of residents were left without heat or power, prompting the State of Michigan to activate the Michigan National Guard and local jurisdictions to implement emergency response efforts.

Although substantial progress has been made in restoring power, heating homes, clearing roadways, and removing debris, the recovery process remains far from complete nearly three months later. State and local resources have been expended, and federal support is desperately needed to continue recovery efforts.

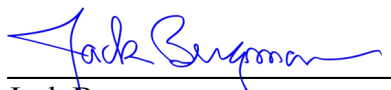
Governor Whitmer's May 16 request has received strong bipartisan support across both chambers of Congress. On May 19, Senator Peters, Senator Slotkin, and Representative Bergman wrote to you in full support of her request, and on June 9, they followed up with a letter to Small Business Administrator Loeffler endorsing the Governor's June 5 request for an administrative declaration of disaster.

The counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Kalkaska, Mackinac, as well as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, can afford to wait no longer. Though they responded swiftly, and with the help of the State, and have made meaningful strides toward recovery, they cannot adequately handle this burden alone.

As such, we urge you – in the strongest terms possible – to approve Governor Whitmer's May 16 request for a Major Disaster Declaration without further delay. The Michigan Delegation stands unified in this appeal, and we are prepared to work with you and your administration to see it through.

We appreciate your continued support for disaster-affected regions, and we thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



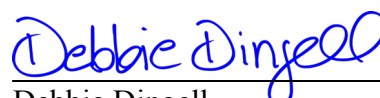
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Member of Congress



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United States Senator



Gary C. Peters
United States Senator



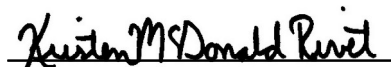
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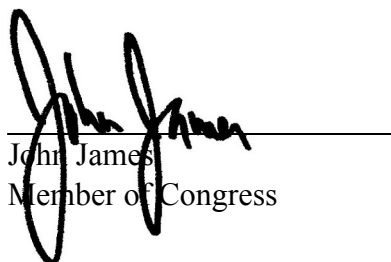
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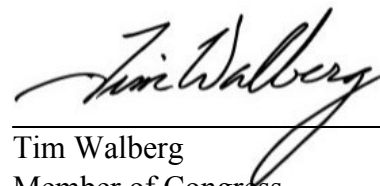
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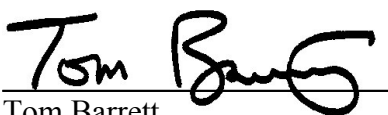
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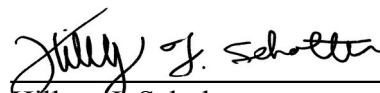
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Member of Congress



John R. Moolenaar
Member of Congress

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Tom Barrett
Member of Congress

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Hillary J. Scholten
Member of Congress

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Lisa C. McClain
Republican Conference
Chairwoman