

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

May 20, 2026

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

Dear President Trump,


We respectfully write to urge your full and timely consideration of Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves' request for a Major Disaster Declaration following recent devastating tornadoes and severe weather in our state. We remain deeply grateful for the continued partnership and support provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in response to prior disasters, and we appreciate the agency's ongoing coordination with state and local officials as damage assessments continue.

On the evening of May 6, 2026, and early morning of May 7, 2026, multiple Mississippi counties experienced destructive weather conditions, including supercell thunderstorms that produced at least seven confirmed tornadoes across portions of the state. Several of the tornadoes caused catastrophic damage, including an EF3 tornado that, at times, exceeded a mile in width and remained on the ground for nearly 70 miles. The storms destroyed and severely damaged many homes and businesses, uprooted trees, crippled critical infrastructure, and caused widespread power outages affecting thousands of Mississippians. Communities across the impacted region continue to face significant recovery challenges in the aftermath of these storms.

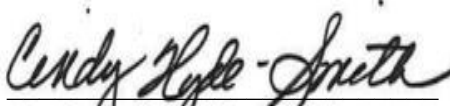
Governor Reeves' request includes both Individual Assistance and Public Assistance for Lamar, Lincoln, Franklin, Lawrence, and Wilkinson counties. The magnitude of the destruction has placed extraordinary strain on state and local resources, and the capabilities of volunteer and charitable organizations alone will not be sufficient to meet the long-term recovery needs of affected communities. Federal assistance will be critical to support the recovery of these communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need further assistance in this effort.

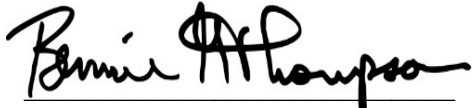
Sincerely,



ROGER F. WICKER
United States Senator



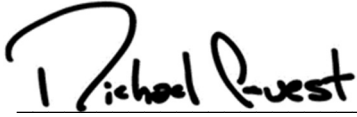
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