

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

April 27, 2018

The Honorable Brock Long
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Long,

As Members of Congress representing the people of North Carolina, we write in support of Governor Roy Cooper's request that the President declare a major disaster for the State of North Carolina, under Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act, as a result of severe weather that effected Guilford and Rockingham counties on April 15, 2018.

Since the storms, state, county, and FEMA officials have undertaken preliminary damage assessments (PDA) for Individual Assistance (IA). The findings underscore the devastation that was brought upon these communities by the EF2 tornado. In Guilford County, the PDA found that 36 homes or businesses were destroyed, 180 homes suffered major damage, 289 homes incurred minor damage, and 316 properties were affected. Further, three elementary schools in Guilford County will remain closed for the remainder of the school year due to damage inflicted on the buildings. In Rockingham County, the PDA found five homes or businesses destroyed, seven with major damages, 21 with minor damages, and 19 properties affected.

While any family or business adversely affected by severe weather is a tragedy, the storm on April 15, 2018 hit areas with poverty rates over 3.5% above the national average. This will make recovering and putting people's lives together even more difficult. To that end, we urge the President to approve this request for a major disaster declaration, consistent with the intended purposes of FEMA and the federal Stafford Act, in order to provide Individual Assistance as soon as possible to assist the citizens of these two counties.

We would like to thank you for FEMA's efforts in recent years as our state continues to recover from Hurricane Matthew, and look forward to working collaboratively with FEMA, state agencies, and county officials as we begin to rebuild from this most recent storm.

Sincerely,



Richard Burr
United States Senator



Thom Tillis
United States Senator



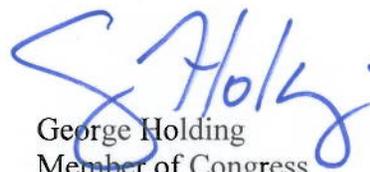
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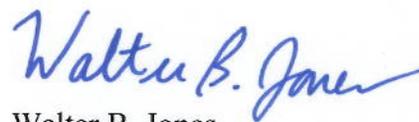
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