

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 9, 2026

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

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of the formal request from the State of Oklahoma, through the office of Governor Kevin Stitt, that was submitted on September 2, 2026, for a major disaster declaration, including Public Assistance for Cleveland, Nowata, Osage, and Washington Counties to recover from severe storms, high winds, flooding, and widespread power outages that occurred on the evening of Saturday, July 4, as well as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program assistance statewide. An Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency in these counties (E.O. 2026-23) was issued on July 5, 2026.

Severe storms, high winds, and flooding impacted the State of Oklahoma on the evening of Saturday, July 4 and caused damage to public property within the State. As usual, Oklahomans demonstrated the Oklahoma Standard when they stepped up to help their families and neighbors as they began the process of cleaning up the debris and repairing damage to schools, businesses, and neighborhoods.

State and local officials have informed us that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response and recovery is beyond the combined capability of the state and local governments, and that federal assistance is necessary to lessen the threat of disaster, protect property, and to ensure the safety of these communities.

As such, we respectfully urge you to approve the Governor's request for the counties listed above and to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program assistance statewide. We stand ready to provide any assistance needed to ensure the prompt evaluation of this request. Please reach out to our offices with any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,



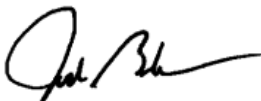
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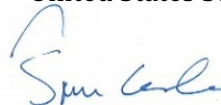
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