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Acting Administrator Evans,

We write to express our thanks for your agency's prompt response to the State of Wisconsin's request for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to conduct a Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA) with Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) in order to determine whether the damage meets the thresholds for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

Over the last two weeks, communities across the state have experienced record rainfall totals resulting in widespread flooding, power outages, and evacuations. Additionally, several tornadoes touched down across the state, resulting in damaging hail and winds. Initial assessments conducted by WEM have indicated that the damage is beyond the state's ability to recover from on its own.

In order to receive federal support, a Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment must first be conducted to confirm that state disaster relief resources and emergency management agencies have been overwhelmed. WEM has already been working to conduct initial damage assessments across the state. We appreciate FEMA's immediate attention to this matter and encourage you to continue to work with WEM to ensure that the joint assessment is completed without delay.

Given the readily apparent scale of destruction, we anticipate that following the conclusion of the JPDA, the state will be submitting a request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Federal support will be essential to repair the damage caused by these storms and to support the long-term recovery of families and communities throughout the state.

We value FEMA's ongoing collaboration with Wisconsin and look forward to working with your agency as relief efforts progress. We remain committed to partnering with you at every stage of this effort to guarantee that Wisconsin's residents and communities get the assistance they need.

Sincerely,



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