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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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May 2, 2014

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20500-0003

Dear Mr. President:

I write in support of North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory's May 2 request for an expedited major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. This declaration would allow much-needed federal resources to be mobilized to assist in North Carolina's recovery from the devastation wrought by the tornados, high winds, and severe storms that affected seventeen counties in North Carolina on April 25.

As you know, the governor has requested Individual Assistance for the state, specifically for Beaufort, Chowan, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties, which were most heavily-impacted by the storms. The National Weather Service has confirmed that nine tornados were observed during the evening April 25 and were responsible for costing an estimated \$10 million in damages. Most tragically, an infant boy, one week away from his first birthday, was the victim of the storms.

As the representative of the most severely-impacted areas of this tragedy, I request your expeditious consideration of Governor McCrory's petition for a disaster declaration so that essential federal support can be utilized to help the people in this region put their lives back together. Thank you for your concern and your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress

Cc: The Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor, North Carolina
The Honorable Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security
The Honorable W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency