

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 27, 2026

Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington D.C., 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write in strong support of the State of Wisconsin's request for a Major Disaster Declaration following the severe storms and tornadoes that struck Wisconsin on July 27, 2026. The storms caused extensive damage across Forest, Outagamie, Vilas, and Winnebago Counties, displacing families, disrupting businesses, and damaging homes and critical infrastructure beyond the capacity of many affected communities to recover on their own.

During the July 27 storms, a powerful EF3 tornado tore through Wisconsin's Fox Valley region, leaving a broad path of destruction from Appleton through Menasha before dissipating over Lake Winnebago. The tornado remained on the ground for more than 20 minutes and traveled approximately 12.4 miles. It destroyed and severely damaged homes and businesses, brought down trees and utility lines, blocked roadways, and caused widespread power outages. Other portions of northern Wisconsin also experienced damaging winds, large hail, downed trees, blocked roads, and extended utility disruptions.

On August 12, the Wisconsin congressional delegation urged the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to work with Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) to conduct Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (JPDAs). We appreciate the swift work of FEMA, WEM, and local officials in completing those assessments. The Individual Assistance JPDA assessed 2,346 residential structures across four counties, including 84 destroyed and 412 with major damage, with estimated losses exceeding \$8.2 million. The Public Assistance JPDA also validated more than \$13.8 million in public-sector damage across two counties, exceeding Wisconsin's per-capita threshold by more than \$2.4 million.

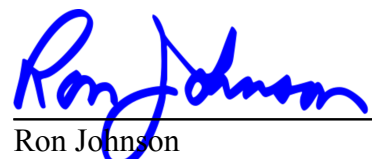
Given the magnitude of this damage, we respectfully urge you to issue a Major Disaster Declaration and make available Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation assistance to Wisconsinites in need.

As a delegation, we remain committed to working with your Administration, FEMA, and WEM to ensure Wisconsin residents and communities receive the assistance they need to recover. We appreciate your timely consideration of this urgent request.

Sincerely,



Glenn Grothman
Member of Congress



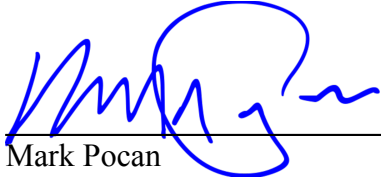
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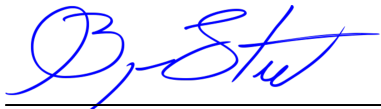
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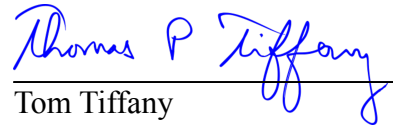
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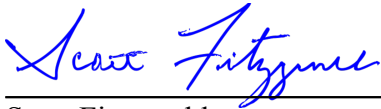
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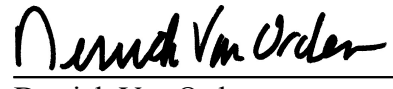
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