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October 22, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to respectfully request your immediate assistance in ensuring the availability of FEMA Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation funding for Potter County, Pennsylvania which has been severely impacted by Tropical Storm Debby. The flood damages from this disaster have overwhelmed local resources and created an urgent need for federal assistance to help with recovery efforts.

The impact of this disaster has been extensive, affecting our public infrastructure, homes, businesses, and lives. Many essential services such as transportation, public sewer and water systems have been disrupted, and local governments are struggling to meet the needs of our community. Local municipalities have had their road equipment, machinery, and trucks so severely damaged during Tropical Storm Debbie, this essential equipment is left useless. Living in a rural community and the lack of available funding, townships are now being tasked to find and fund all their local recovery needs including contracting engineers and equipment operators to safely repair roads, bridges, and streams. We urgently require federal support through FEMA's Public Assistance program to aid in restoring public facilities and providing essential recovery services.

Specifically, we request that you direct FEMA to add Potter County Pennsylvania to the DR-4815 for all programs and categories for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation. Provide Financial Support to ensure that funds are made available swiftly for repairs and restoration of public infrastructure, and other critical services.

The people of Potter County Pennsylvania are resilient, but we need the support of the federal government to rebuild and recover. FEMA's Public Assistance program would greatly enhance our ability to restore critical services and rebuild public infrastructure, mitigating the long-term impacts of this disaster.

I urge you to give our request for FEMA assistance your immediate attention and approval. The swift release of these resources is critical to our recovery efforts.

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Thank you for your support within the communities affected by natural disasters. We look forward to working more closely with FEMA to bring relief to Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Cris Dush in black ink.

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