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Mr. Kem R. Fleming, Center Director
U.S. Small Business Administration
Office of Disaster Assistance
101 Marietta Street, NW, Suite 700
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2725

Dear Mr. Fleming:

On May 18-19, 2020, severe storm systems moved through Franklin County, Ohio producing heavy rainfall and flooding. Following the event, damage assessments conducted by federal, state, and local agencies in the impacted areas determined that there are a total of 44 homes and/or businesses with uninsured damages resulting from this incident.

Based on this information and a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster survey, it was determined the requisite 25 homes and businesses sustained uninsured losses of 40 percent or more of the estimate fair replacement value. Therefore, Franklin County qualifies for an SBA physical disaster declaration, pursuant to 13 CFR 123.3. Accordingly I request that the SBA issue a physical disaster declaration for Franklin County and offer low-interest SBA disaster loans to affected households and businesses that qualify. Ohio is not seeking from the President an Individual Assistance declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for this event.

The point of contact for this request is Ohio EMA Executive Director Sima S. Merick. She can be reached at 614-799-3674, ssmerick@dps.ohio.gov or 2855 W. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Thank you for your timely attention to this request. I look forward to your response.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine
Governor