

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

July 28, 2017

President Donald Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of Governor Pete Ricketts's request for a major disaster declaration, which followed the storms occurring between June 12-17, for the subsequent eighteen Nebraska counties: Banner, Box Butte, Butler, Cass, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Morrill, Polk, Sarpy, Saunders, Sheridan, Sioux, Thurston, and Wayne. We also support Governor Ricketts's request for Hazard Mitigation statewide.

The strong winds, including six tornadoes and golf-ball-to-baseball-sized hail, produced extensive damage across the state. Public power districts are reporting damages in excess of \$13,780,024. The damage included, but is not limited to: electrical distribution infrastructure and facilities throughout the affected areas, public and private property severely damaged by large hail, public and private structures destroyed or severely damaged by straight-line winds and tornados, injury and death to livestock, and irrigation systems damaged or destroyed.


As our communities recover and rebuild, the federal government has a duty to support our state with its restoration efforts.

We appreciate your prompt consideration of this request.

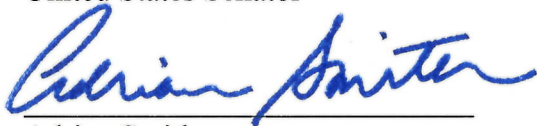
Sincerely,



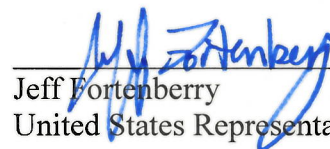
Deb Fischer  
United States Senator



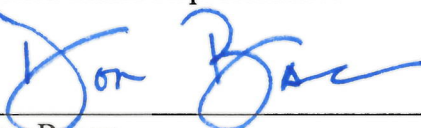
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United States Representative



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Don Bacon  
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