Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 24, 2025

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

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of Governor Jim Pillen's request for a major disaster declaration, which followed the storms occurring on March 18th and 19th, for the Nebraska counties of Boone, Burt, Butler, Cass, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Hamilton, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nuckolls, Otoe, Platte, Polk, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward, Thayer, Thurston, Washington, Webster, and York. We also support Governor Pillen's request for Hazard Mitigation statewide.

Severe thunderstorms, blizzards, and straight-line winds caused extensive damage across the state. Overall, the storms inflicted over $64.8 million in damages to Nebraska's electrical distribution infrastructure and facilities.

This winter blizzard was one of the most destructive winter storms to impact Nebraska in recent history, and more than 200,000 customers lost power across Nebraska. Additionally, many of the impacted communities are continuing to recover from declared disasters during the last calendar year. We encourage the federal government to join with the state in their ongoing restoration efforts.

We stand ready and willing to assist in any way possible to ensure prompt evaluation of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices with any questions.

Sincerely,

Deb Fischer
United States Senator

Pete Ricketts
United States Senator

Adrian Smith
United States Representative

Don Bacon
United States Representative

Mike Flood
United States Representative