Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 23, 2026

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 severe storms that resulted in tornadoes, extreme straight-line winds and flash flooding, for the Nebraska counties of Buffalo, Fillmore, Gage, Howard, Jefferson, Nemaha, Thayer and Thurston over the period of May 15-18 of 2026.

These severe storms caused widespread damage across Nebraska, including to schools, buildings, and roadways, along with downed power poles and lines. Several counties also faced significant debris cleanup, while emergency shelters were opened in areas where residents had been displaced. The total damage estimates now exceed $4.9 million.

We know Nebraska communities will once again demonstrate their resilience as they recover from these storms. We encourage the federal government to join with the state in their ongoing efforts to recover from these storms and provide assistance where it is needed.

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