Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 6, 2009

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

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our support for Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen's request for a disaster declaration for five counties hit hard by recent storms in Tennessee.

On June 12, 2009, severe storms – including tornadoes – struck several counties in our state, causing significant damage in Claiborne, Fayette, Hancock, Haywood and Shelby Counties. These disasters have placed a significant burden on state and local governments because of recovery costs. Therefore, we respectfully request that you make assistance available to these counties in accordance with the Governor's request.

Thank you for your consideration. We'd be glad to furnish additional information, or your office may wish to be in touch with Brent Wiles with Senator Alexander at 224-2189, Paul Fassbender with Senator Corker at 228-5509, Marilyn Dillihay with Congressman Cohen at 225-3265, Doug Thompson with Congressman Tanner at 225-4714, Greg Louer with Congressman Blackburn at 225-2811, Melissa Chapman with Congressman Wamp at 225-3271, or John Price with Congressman Roe at 225-5714.

Sincerely,

Lamar Alexander
United States Senator

Bob Corker
United States Senator

Steve Cohen
Member of Congress

John Tanner
Member of Congress

Marsha Blackburn
Member of Congress

Zach Wamp
Member of Congress

Phil Roe
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