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The Honorable John Kasich  
The Vern Riffe Center, 30th Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor Kasich:

Thank you for the steps you have taken thus far to address the damage caused by flooding that occurred throughout the month of February of this year. As you know, that flooding caused extensive damage to roadways and other infrastructure throughout the affected communities in eastern and southeastern Ohio.

Following the issue of your emergency proclamation on February 24, emergency officials at the local and state levels have worked with our federal partners to document the extent of the damage. Damage estimations are at least \$46 million dollars at this time. As you know, local governments are responsible for 25% of that dollar amount.

It is my understanding that OEMA is considering paying half of the state and local government share. While this is certainly helpful, I find myself writing to ask for your consideration in having the state pay the full 25%. Simply put, our local governments do not have the financial resources to meet even the 12.5% requirement.

Thank you again, for your recovery outreach for the counties hardest hit earlier this year. Your favorable consideration of the state providing the full share of the 25% will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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