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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear President Obama:

I write to ask for your full consideration of Texas Governor Greg Abbott's major disaster declaration request for the affected counties throughout the State of Texas. Governor Abbott issued a formal request for a Presidential declaration on January 26, 2016 in the wake of the severe winter weather and tornado event beginning on December 26, 2015 that resulted in substantial damage throughout these areas.

A major disaster declaration will afford these communities important federal funding to assist with repairs and mitigate future risk. Recent flooding and other weather-related incidents in the Dallas area have exacerbated the need for outside assistance. This most recent chain of events is beyond the scope and capabilities of the state and affected local governments and supplemental federal assistance is absolutely vital for a swift and complete recovery of the affected areas.

My highest priority is to ensure the wellbeing of my constituents and the other individuals and businesses that have been impacted by this devastation. I stand ready to work cooperatively with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state officials to address the challenges faced by these communities.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eddie Bernice Johnson".

Eddie Bernice Johnson
Member of Congress