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The Honorable Greg Abbott Governor of Texas P.O. Box 12428 Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Abbott:

This is in response to your February 18, 2021, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas as a result of severe winter storms during the period of February 11-21, 2021. You specifically requested Individual Assistance; all categories of Public Assistance, including snow assistance; and Hazard Mitigation for all 254 Texas counties.

The February 19, 2021, major disaster declaration FEMA-4586-DR and subsequent amendments authorized Individual Assistance for 129 counties; debris removal (Category A) and permanent work (Categories C-G) for 44 counties; snow assistance for two counties; and emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance and Hazard Mitigation for all 254 counties.

The impact to the individuals and households was significant in the areas designated for Individual Assistance. However, based on the results of the joint federal, state, and local government Preliminary Damage Assessments, it has been determined that the impact to the individuals and households in Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Brewster, Briscoe, Callahan, Camp, Carson, Cass, Castro, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Edwards, El Paso, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Franklin, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hockley, Hopkins, Hudspeth, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jeff Davis, Kenedy, Kent, Kimble, King, Kinney, Knox, Lamb, Lampasas, La Salle, Lee, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Loving, Lynn, Marion, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, McMullen, Menard, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Moore, Morris, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Rains, Randall, Reagan, Real, Red River, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Runnels, San Augustine, San Saba, Schleicher, Sherman, Somervell, Starr, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Titus, Upton, Uvalde, Ward, Wheeler, Wilbarger, Winkler, Yoakum, Young, Zapata, and Zavala Counties is not of the severity and magnitude to warrant their designation under the Individual Assistance program.

In addition, it has been determined that the damage to the infrastructure is not of the severity and magnitude to warrant the designation of assistance for debris removal (Category A) and permanent work (Categories C-G) for Anderson, Andrews, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Bailey, Bandera, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Carson, Cass,

Castro, Chambers, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dallam, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Denton, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Eastland, Ector, Ellis, El Paso, Fannin, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio, Gaines, Galveston, Glasscock, Goliad, Gray, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Haskell, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Howard, Hudspeth, Hunt, Hutchinson, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kenedy, Kent, King, Kinney, Kleberg, Knox, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, La Salle, Liberty, Limestone, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Loving, Lubbock, Madison, Marion, Martin, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, McMullen, Medina, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Montgomery, Moore, Morris, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Ochiltree, Oldham, Orange, Panola, Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Polk, Potter, Presidio, Rains, Randall, Reagan, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk, San Jacinto, San Patricio, San Saba, Scurry, Shackelford, Sherman, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Waller, Ward, Webb, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Wood, Yoakum, Young, Zapata, and Zavala Counties.

Finally, only Irion and Taylor Counties meet FEMA's requirements for snow assistance; therefore, your request for snow assistance for the remaining 252 counties is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. The appeal, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to me through George A. Robinson, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VI, located at 800 North Loop 288, Denton, Texas 76209.

Sincerely,

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