



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 15, 2022

Ms. Tanya Garfield
Director Office of Disaster Assistance Field Operations Center – West
U.S. Small Business Administration
6501 Sylvan Road
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Dear Director Garfield:

Pursuant to 13 C.F.R. § 123.3, I respectfully request that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issue a disaster declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA Disaster Loans for Lamar and Morris counties as a result of the severe storms and tornadoes that occurred on November 4, 2022.

As a result of the severe storms and tornadoes, many homes and businesses were affected in Lamar and Morris counties, creating an economic emergency for the residents of the counties. I request that the SBA declare Lamar and Morris counties disaster areas to make long-term, low-interest-rate physical damage loans for homes and businesses and economic injury disaster loans available to citizens and businesses affected by the disaster.

Beginning November 9, 2022, joint preliminary damage assessments were conducted by local officials, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and SBA to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least 84 total homes and businesses in Lamar and Morris counties sustained major damages and suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter. If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Nim Kidd, TDEM, at (512) 424-2443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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Enclosure: SBA Survey Recap: Final Summary Report

SBA SURVEY RECAP: Final Summary Report_State of Texas

State of Texas/SBA (Agency only) Ground Survey

Event: Severe Storms and Tornadoes

DCMS: TX-00645

Incident Date: 11/04/2022

Date of SBA Survey Request: 11/07/2022

Date of SBA Survey: 11/09 /Thru 11/10/2022

SBA Survey Team:

Overall Properties Affected

COUNTY	MEETS SBA Criteria	TOTAL Majors	SURVEY Status	HOMES				BUSINESSES /NON-PROFITS			
				MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$	MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$
Lamar	Yes	53	FINAL	50	3,803,000	68	2,147,000	3	356,000	19	2,430,000
Morris	Yes	31	FINAL	30	1,580,000	36	572,000	1	80,000	3	190,000
State Totals	Yes	84	FINAL	80	5,383,000	104	2,719,000	4	436,000	22	2,620,000