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The Honorable Greg Abbott  
P.O. Box 12428  
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Dear Governor Abbott,

Thank you for your continued leadership in helping our Texas communities recover from recent storms. Just over one month ago, the Houston region experienced severe rains and flooding in what has become known as the Tax Day Floods. In the past 24 hours another bout of tornadoes, severe rain and floods have caused considerable damage to many of the same communities and residents who suffered through last month's devastation. I write to respectfully seek your support in helping these communities by requesting a major disaster declaration.

Communities within the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District are reporting emergency water rescues, widespread power outages, washed out roads and bridges and the flooding and homes and loss of personal property. Community officials and emergency personnel are acting quickly to ensure the safety of residents. With continued rain in the forecast and the threat of additional creek and river flooding over the next few days it may be some time before the full extent of damage is assessed. However, I question the ability of these communities and residents to withstand continued adversity without additional resources.

It is my understanding that a new separate disaster declaration will be necessary for this storm incident. I respectfully request that your office act as quickly as possible to determine the level of assistance needed, including requesting a major disaster declaration for impacted counties as warranted.

Again, I stand ready to lend my support to help our impacted communities. Please do not hesitate to call upon my office if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brady  
United States Representative  
Eighth District of Texas