## United States Senate WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Joseph Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Administrator Deanne Criswell Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C Street SW Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. President and Administrator Criswell:

We write to urge you to act swiftly on the request by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for 11 counties in Ohio.

Tornados in Central Ohio led to significant damage, causing widespread destruction of homes, apartments, and businesses. This damage and aftermath has led to Ohioans losing their lives and several others sustaining serious injuries. The State and local governments in the affected areas do not have the capability to sufficiently respond to this major disaster, and therefore, federal assistance is necessary to supplement recovery efforts.

We fully support Governor DeWine's request and urge your prompt consideration. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Thank you,

Senator Sherrod Brown

Senator JD Vance