



King County

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David Richardson
Senior Official Performing the Duties of FEMA Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Vincent J. Maykovich
Region 10 Acting Regional Administrator
FEMA Region 10 Office
130 228th Street SW
Bothell, WA 98021

Re: Appeal of FEMA Denial of Disaster Relief for “Bomb Cyclone”

Dear Acting Administrator Richardson and Acting Regional Administrator Maykovich,

We are writing on behalf of the many Washington residents still recovering from the devastating effects of the November 2024 bomb cyclone — a uniquely destructive storm that left communities without power, homes uninhabitable, and critical infrastructure severely damaged.

We would like to add our voices to the growing list of elected officials, including Washington state’s entire congressional delegation, expressing serious disappointment at the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) denial of Washington state’s request for a Major Disaster Declaration.

As the King County Councilmembers representing the neighborhoods hit most severely by this once-in-a-generation storm, we witnessed firsthand the damage as it occurred. Our communities’ need for assistance in recovering from the devastating damage inflicted by this storm is not contestable. The state’s request clearly documents over \$34 million in damages across six counties, and \$17.56 million in King County alone.

Helping citizens recover from natural disasters of this extreme magnitude is precisely the reason FEMA exists as an agency. Given the overwhelming bipartisan support for this necessary disaster relief, it is extremely disappointing to see the original application denied. We stand with our fellow elected leaders across Washington in confidence that all the criteria to qualify for federal funds have been indisputably met.

On behalf of our constituents and all those across Washington state who are in serious need of assistance, we urge the Administration to reconsider this decision and approve the state's pending appeal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Reagan Dunn
Vice Chair
King County Council



Sarah Perry
Vice Chair
King County Council

CC: The Honorable Patty Murray, US Senate, Washington
The Honorable Bob Ferguson, Governor, Washington