

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

January 23, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House

Dear President Bush:

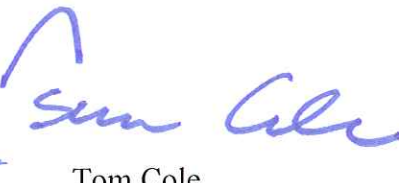
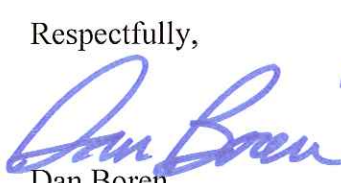
We are writing today to request immediate approval of Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry's major disaster declaration request for 23 counties across our state, and quick approval for any counties the governor may seek to add to the declaration at a later date. One of the worst ice storms Oklahoma has ever seen hit over a week ago, killing 26 people and leaving more than 100,000 without power. As many as 10,000 Oklahomans remain without power.

The governor has declared a state emergency and called upon the legislature to devote \$15 million to storm relief efforts, but state resources cannot meet the needs of all affected Oklahomans. City and county governments across the impacted parts of the state have incurred astronomical costs as they responded to and continue to recover from what is expected to be one of the most expensive disasters in state history.

Perhaps most important is the individual assistance portion of the governor's request. Thousands of Oklahomans were forced to purchase generators, secure lodging and take on other unexpected expenses as a result of this storm. It is critical to families across our state that the federal government provide individual assistance to help them recoup these costs.

Oklahomans have been patient and understanding as state and federal teams conducted damage assessments over the past week. Now that the appropriate data is in hand, we respectfully request immediate approval of a major disaster declaration for Oklahoma. We look forward to your timely response.

Respectfully,



Dan Boren
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