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The Honorable Pat Quinn Governor of Illinois 207 State House Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Quinn:

This is in response to your March 7, 2012, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Illinois as a result of severe storms and tornadoes during the period of February 29 to March 2, 2012. You specifically requested Individual Assistance for Gallatin, Randolph, Saline, Union, and Williamson Counties and Hazard Mitigation for all counties statewide.

Based on our review of all of the information available, it has been determined that the damage was not of such severity and magnitude as to be beyond the capabilities of the State, affected local governments, and voluntary agencies. Accordingly, we have determined that supplemental Federal assistance is not necessary. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for a major disaster declaration is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. The appeal, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to the President through Andrew Velasquez III, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region V, located at:

536 S. Clark Street Chicago, IL 60605

I regret that we could not respond favorably to your request.

Sincerely,

W. Craig Fugate

Administrator