

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 26, 2026

Administrator Kelly Loeffler
Small Business Administration
409 3rd St., SW
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Loeffler:

We write to offer our full support of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's June 25, 2026, request for an administrative declaration of disaster through the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Rapid Disaster Declaration process, following a series of severe weather events that impacted Michigan from April 10-21, 2026.

These storms included multiple rounds of thunderstorms and heavy rainfall, in addition to tornadoes, damaging winds, large hail, torrential rainfall and flooding across much of the state. The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a record number of flash flood warnings (13), flood warnings (24), and flood advisories (25) for Michigan in the month of April. A record number of residents statewide were impacted, and 42 counties reported some type of damage. These conditions forced hundreds of residents to be displaced from their homes, temporarily or permanently while others were left stranded on their properties. Utility services were disrupted across the state. Numerous roads were flooded or washed out, and tornadoes impacted numerous communities, damaging homes, businesses, and infrastructure. In response, over ten shelters were set up statewide. Residents now face financial hardship for years to come as they attempt to repair and restore their damaged homes and businesses to pre-disaster condition, repair or replace mechanical and electrical systems, and replace personal belongings.

We understand that SBA has worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Michigan Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, and county officials to conduct a damage assessment of the impacted areas. As a result of that damage assessment, Governor Whitmer has asked the SBA to declare the counties of Barry, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Gratiot, Kalkaska, Montcalm, Newaygo, Osceola, Presque Isle, and Wexford a disaster area and make low-interest disaster loans available to affected property owners and businesses.

The hardworking people and businesses across Michigan are strong and resilient. Yet, local capacity is limited, and recovery of this magnitude requires a coordinated effort at all levels of government. As such, we respectfully request that SBA swiftly approve Governor Whitmer's request for an administrative declaration of disaster. This declaration would make available

critical federal support and resources to struggling business owners as they continue working to stabilize operations, preserve jobs, and rebuild.

We appreciate SBA's continued support for disaster-affected regions, and we respectfully request your full and fair consideration of this request. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

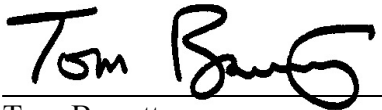
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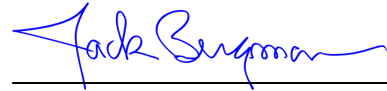
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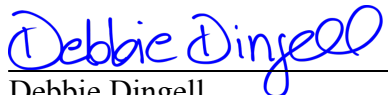
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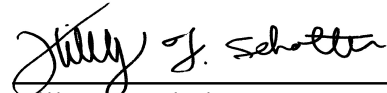
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