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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to request that expedited consideration be given to Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry's Jan. 14 request for federal disaster assistance. Winter storms and flooding have hit all 77 counties across Oklahoma over the past three days, killing at least 10 people and leaving 100,000 without power. The eastern portion of the state, which I represent, has been especially hard hit.

The governor has declared a state emergency and devoted the full resources of the state government to responding to this disaster, but more assistance is needed and it is needed now. Among other things, a federal disaster declaration would help provide generators for public facilities and bottled water for open shelters in communities impacted by power outages.

Your timely communication with the Office of the Governor of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma congressional delegation on the status of this request is very important to me and my constituents. As this situation develops, please feel free to contact Nick Choate in my Washington office at 202-225-2701 with current details. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Boren".

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Member of Congress

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