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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
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The White House
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Mr. President,

We write today in support of Governor Laura Kelly's request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Kansas following the severe storms and straight-line winds that struck Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, on August 18-19, 2026.

This devastating weather event tore through a dense urban area, damaging hundreds of homes and businesses and pushing the local utility system to the brink. Winds of up to 80 mph snapped utility poles, tore down miles of electric wire, and damaged transformers across Wyandotte County. Fallen trees blocked streets, destroyed roofs, pulled electrical boxes from homes, and disrupted emergency and recovery services.

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) called it the largest and most destructive storm in its history, with about 27,000 Kansans losing power. BPU crews have reported replacing 230 utility poles, 34 transformers, and 17.5 miles of electric wire following these storms.

These damages have placed significant financial strain on local government as it works to recover. Damage assessments conducted jointly by the state and FEMA have determined that Kansas is eligible for approximately $5.5 million in federal assistance.

We strongly support the Governor's request and urge your Administration to provide swift federal assistance to the State of Kansas. This support is essential to ensure Kansans and their local governments have the resources needed to recover from the extensive damage caused by these storms.

Sincerely,

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