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September 23, 2010

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

I write to you today to respectfully request your consideration of a letter submitted to you by Governor Rick Perry requesting federal assistance pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act due to Tropical Storm Hermine and severe storms that impacted much of the state of Texas, including two counties in my congressional district, Denton and Tarrant counties.

This storm resulted in numerous fatalities, injuries, and destruction of property. These storms and the subsequent flooding that occurred from September 6-10, 2010, have seriously impacted my constituents. I fully support Governor Perry's proclamation declaring a state of disaster and his request for supplementary federal assistance from the Individuals and Households Program (IHP), Public Assistance, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Small Business Administration disaster loans, and Hazard Mitigation statewide, for the affected counties.

I am hopeful that Governor Perry's request will be approved as soon as possible. Residents of North Texas have been greatly impacted and will need this assistance to rebuild their homes and their lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael C. Burgess".

Michael C. Burgess, M.D.

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