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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Earlier today, tornados touched down in various communities throughout the Southeast, including the City of Murfreesboro, my hometown, in Rutherford County.

I have surveyed the area and the damage is extensive. In addition, there are reports that between 10-20 people have been severely injured and at least 2 people have been killed.

I have contacted Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen who said that the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency will immediately begin assessing the damage. I expect the assessment will result in the Governor requesting the tornado-struck communities be designated federal disaster areas.

Upon receiving this request, I hope that you will quickly respond so that the affected individuals, families, and communities can begin to rebuild.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bart".

BART GORDON
Member of Congress