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Governor's Statement on Denial of Federal Assistance

Columbus, OH – Ohio Governor Ted Strickland today released the following statement on Ohio's denial of assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the areas of Northwest Ohio affected by a damaging tornado that occurred on June 5 and 6.

"I am disappointed to learn that Ohio did not receive assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. While we knew when we applied that there was no guarantee we would receive these funds, it was important to explore every possible option for assistance for the Ohioans who were affected by this deadly storm.

"We are currently pursuing other federal programs that may be able to offer assistance to Ohio. The state also committed \$673,873 in assistance to Northwest Ohio earlier this month, and we are using those funds to assist that area as quickly and efficiently as possible. We will continue to do everything in our power to provide as much help as we can to our fellow Ohioans whose lives were impacted by this tornado."