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Strickland Sends Final Letter of Appeal For Northwest Ohio Tornado Assistance

Columbus, OH – Ohio Governor Ted Strickland today sent the second and final letter of appeal to President Obama for federal disaster assistance for tornado-damaged Northwest Ohio. This includes appeals for both public and individual assistance.

“Residents of Northwest Ohio are still struggling to recover from the tornadoes that destroyed their communities and resulted in the loss of six lives during the first weekend in June,” said Strickland. “We have worked together for nearly two months to assist as much as possible in the recovery efforts, but we know that the financial assistance required to deal with the impact of these storms is beyond what the state alone can provide.”

While an initial appeal letter focusing on individual assistance was sent on July 7, both the individual assistance appeal and the public assistance appeal are contained in the package being sent today to demonstrate the total impact of the devastation in Northwest Ohio.

Governor Strickland declared a state of emergency for three counties in Northwest Ohio after tornadoes swept through the region on June 5 and 6, causing extensive damage to homes, businesses and infrastructure, and resulting in the deaths of six people.

Because of the severity of the storms’ impact, Strickland requested federal disaster assistance, which FEMA denied on June 24. Today’s appeal is in response to that denial.

To view the letter in its entirety, visit the Ohio Emergency Management Agency Web site at www.ema.ohio.gov.