Hnited States Senate WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 7, 2021

The Honorable Isabella Casillas Guzman Administrator Small Business Administration 409 3rd St SW Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Guzman:

We are writing in support of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker's request for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration for DuPage County in Illinois as a result of a tornado that touched down on June 21, 2021.

An EF-3 tornado touched down in DuPage County and caused significant damage to property and injuries to residents. The damage assessment conducted this month by the SBA found that 79 properties either incurred major damage or were destroyed as a result of the tornado.

Assisting these residents in recovery is of utmost importance, and Governor Pritzker has determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and local governments.

As such, we respectfully request that you issue an SBA Disaster Declaration for DuPage County, and we request that the SBA disaster loans also be offered to the counties that are contiguous to the aforementioned county.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Durbin United States Senator

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