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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

July 31, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States

Dear Mr. President,

We write to respectfully request that you stand ready to direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other appropriate federal agencies to provide immediate disaster assistance to the communities of Appleton, Menasha, Fox Crossing, Neenah, the Town of Neenah, and surrounding areas in Wisconsin's Fox Valley following the destructive EF-3 tornado that struck on Monday, July 27, 2026.

The National Weather Service has confirmed an EF-3 tornado with maximum winds of approximately 140 mph that touched down near Wisconsin Avenue in Appleton, rapidly intensified, and tracked through Menasha and Fox Crossing before moving over Lake Winnebago. The storm remained on the ground for roughly 20–30 minutes, carving a path of significant destruction. Homes and businesses suffered severe structural damage, roofs were torn off, trees and power lines were downed across wide areas, and thousands of residents lost electricity, with many in Menasha remaining without power for an extended period. Local officials, including the City of Menasha, have declared a local state of disaster, and Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers has issued a state of emergency.

While it is a blessing that no fatalities have been reported, many families have lost homes or sustained major property damage. Infrastructure repairs, debris removal, temporary housing, utility restoration, and support for small businesses will place substantial burdens on local and state resources. Federal assistance, including Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and any available hazard mitigation funding, would greatly accelerate recovery and help residents begin rebuilding their lives.

We urge you to work with Wisconsin Emergency Management and local officials in Outagamie and Winnebago Counties to expedite a major disaster declaration and the rapid delivery of federal aid. The people of the Fox Valley are resilient and hardworking; with timely federal support, they can recover more quickly and fully.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and for your leadership in supporting Americans in times of natural disaster.

Sincerely,



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