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Washington, DC 20515

Ms. Deanne Criswell
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

February 16, 2023

Dear Administrator Criswell:

It is our understanding that Governor DeWine's Administration has been in communication with your agency about the need for federal support to assist with the cleanup of the Norfolk Southern train derailment and subsequent chemical fire that occurred in East Palestine, Ohio on February 3.

Despite the severity of the wreckage, chemical release, and the disruption to the lives of local residents we have just been informed that Ohio apparently does not meet the eligibility threshold for FEMA assistance at this time. We respectfully request that you provide a detailed response as to why the residents of this community do not qualify for assistance from your agency.

We look forward to your prompt response and your commitment to use any available federal resources to help the suffering residents of this small, rural community.

Sincerely,



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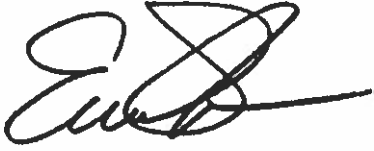


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