

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

March 29, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

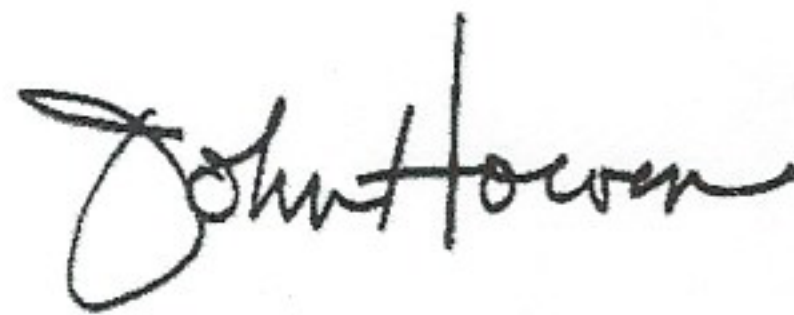
Thank you for your work in leading the nation's response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. As your administration works to best assist the states and local communities on the front lines of this crisis, we write today in support of the State of North Dakota's request for a major presidential disaster declaration due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your consideration.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Doug Burgum declared a state of emergency and activated the State of North Dakota's Unified Command in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, North Dakota has seen an increasing number of COVID-19 cases. As the Governor and public health officials respond to the pandemic, federal assistance will play a critical role in the capability of the State to treat those infected and help prevent further community spread. A major presidential disaster declaration would allow the State to receive this much-needed federal assistance as it responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. Included in the Governor's request are additional resources for public infrastructure and facilities, grants for counties and tribes, assistance for individuals and households, and nutrition and housing assistance.

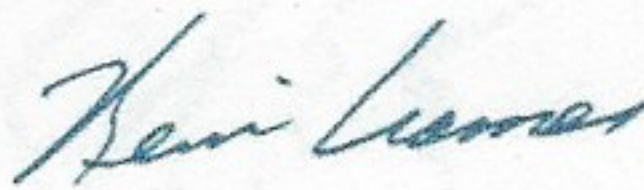
As you know, the State is now responding to COVID-19 while continuing to respond to major weather-related disasters that damaged infrastructure and caused significant losses for our farmers and ranchers. Your administration has been helpful in providing additional federal resources in response to these disasters, and we are grateful for your continued focus on the needs of North Dakotans. Given the challenges the State has already faced this past year, we request that you once again support our State, now as it relates to this serious public health emergency.

We appreciate your leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, and urge you to grant as soon as possible, the State of North Dakota's request for a major presidential disaster declaration. Doing so will allow additional federal resources to be made available to assist our State as it continues to respond to this unprecedented public health emergency. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request, and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator



Kevin Cramer  
U.S. Senator



Kelly Armstrong  
U.S. Representative