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Kem R. Fleming, Director
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U.S. Small Business Administration
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Mr. Fleming,

Winnebago county suffered significant damage to individual homes and businesses from the severe storms on July 27, 2026.

Based on joint damage assessments conducted by SBA, FEMA, state, county and local staff, the damage exceeds the Small Business Administration's criteria of at least 25 homes (primary residences) and/or businesses with uninsured losses of 40 percent or more of their estimated fair replacement value, thereby qualifying for disaster assistance. The preliminary damage assessment has been provided to your Agency by the SBA Damage Verification Team.

In accordance with 13 C.F.R. § 123.3, I request SBA declare a Rapid Disaster Declaration in the Winnebago county disaster area and make low interest loans available to the affected property owners and businesses. On August 26, 2026, the state of Wisconsin requested a Presidential Declaration in Winnebago county, and we are currently awaiting FEMA's decision.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you need additional information, please contact Robby Stoikes, Recovery Planning and Support Supervisor at 608-242-3226 or Robert.stoikes@widma.gov.

Sincerely,

Tony Evers
Governor