Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 8, 2025

The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer Governor State of Michigan

Dear Governor Whitmer,

We write to offer our full support for recovery efforts following the unprecedented ice storm that recently impacted Northern Michigan and the eastern Upper Peninsula. We commend the dedication of first responders, utility crews, volunteers, and State and local officials who have been working tirelessly to restore power and ensure public safety during this difficult time.

We understand that the State of Michigan and local governments are actively assessing the widespread damage caused by the storm, including downed power lines, hazardous road conditions, and prolonged power outages that have left many communities vulnerable. Emergency declarations have been issued in several affected areas, and the Michigan State Emergency Operations Center has been activated to coordinate the response.

Our offices are in communication with local officials as they work closely with your administration to evaluate the full scope of the storm's impact on individuals, infrastructure, and critical services. If the response and recovery needs exceed the capacity of State and local resources, we stand ready to support your efforts to request federal assistance.

We are committed to doing everything we can at the federal level to help Michiganders recover and rebuild. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices if we may be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Jack Bergman

Member of Congress

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United States Senator

Gary C. Peters

United States Senator