

February 3, 2025

The Honorable Bob Ferguson  
Governor of Washington  
Office of the Governor  
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Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Ferguson,

Representing multiple agencies throughout the state, we ask for your support of Washington state's Jan. 14, 2025, request for a Major Disaster Declaration due to the devastating windstorms, heavy rainfall, flooding, and mudslides caused by a bomb cyclone Nov. 17-25, 2024.

We implore you to work with President Trump's administration to ensure the declaration reaches his desk and is approved. Now, more than ever, time is of the essence.

With more than \$34 million incurred in response costs, we are dependent on support from FEMA to cover 75% of these costs.

Financial recovery from this bomb cyclone will help ensure our first responders and emergency personnel can respond to future disasters and continue their vital work in our communities. Without these funds, many local governments will be forced to make choices that leave residents more vulnerable to the ever-increasing threat of natural disasters.

Please support our ongoing recovery efforts by urging the federal government to declare the disaster.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.