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Governor Mike DeWine
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Dear Governor DeWine,

The undersigned respectfully request that you issue an immediate emergency declaration in response to the severe flash flooding that impacted much of Greater Akron on August 8, 2024. We, and many others, are immensely appreciative of your steadfastness in declaring a state of emergency regarding the tornadic activity, wind gusts and severe thunderstorms that swept through Summit County earlier in the same week.

On August 8, remnants of Hurricane Debby dropped historical rainfall impacting much of SW Summit County. Per the National Weather Service, Barberton received 4.76 inches of rainfall which caused significant damage to residents, businesses, and public infrastructure throughout the community. This deluge also caused severe flooding in Norton and Copley. As a result, both residents and business leaders reached out stressing the importance of flood damage mitigation and repair.

We appreciate the ongoing dialogue between Ohio Emergency Management Agency and our local EMA officials. Our community is in need of additional resources and an emergency declaration will open the door to those critical supports systems our residents, businesses and local governments need to recover from this event.

Please feel free to contact anyone below if we can further inform our support for this critical emergency declaration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bill Roemer in black ink.

State Representative | Ohio's 31st District

Handwritten signature of John A. D'Amico in black ink.

State Representative | Ohio's 32nd District

Hand-delivered – 8/19/2024

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