

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 29, 2014

The Honorable Peter Shumlin  
Governor of Vermont  
Montpelier, Vermont 05609

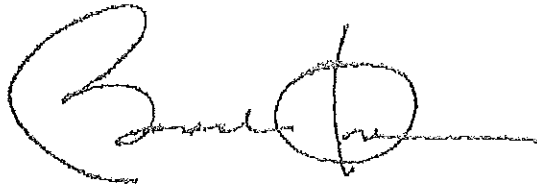
Dear Governor Shumlin:

I have declared a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"), for the State of Vermont due to damage resulting from severe winter storms during the period of December 20-26, 2013. I have authorized Federal relief and recovery assistance in the affected areas.

Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be provided. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs in the designated areas. Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs, with the exception of projects that meet the eligibility criteria for a higher Federal cost-sharing percentage under the Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal implemented pursuant to section 428 of the Stafford Act.

The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will coordinate Federal assistance efforts and designate specific areas eligible for such assistance. The Federal Coordinating Officer will be Mr. James N. Russo of FEMA. He will consult with you and assist in the execution of the FEMA-State Agreement for disaster assistance governing the expenditure of Federal funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", with a large, stylized "B" and a circular flourish at the end.