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September 15, 2026

Mr. Jeffery S. Paul
County Coordinator Association President
500 West Hanover Ave
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Dear Coordinator Paul:

On February 22-23, 2026, New Jersey was impacted by a severe winter storm and record snowfall. The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management worked with local and county communities impacted by this storm to collect and review Preliminary Damage Assessments to support a request for federal assistance.

On April 7, 2026, Governor Sherrill requested a Major Disaster Declaration with Snow Assistance from President Trump for 19 counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide which was subsequently denied on July 2, 2026.

On July 20, 2026, Governor Sherrill appealed this decision and again requested a Major Disaster Declaration with Snow Assistance for 19 counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

On September 2, 2026, FEMA Administer Cameron Hamilton issued a letter stating that supplemental federal assistance under the Stafford Act is not warranted and reaffirmed the denial of the appeal.

I have attached both denial letters for your reference.

NJOEM thanks you for your timely participation in this Preliminary Damage Assessment process and Major Disaster Declaration request.

Respectfully,

Captain Dinan K. Amin
Recovery Bureau Chief
New Jersey Office of Emergency Management



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FEMA

July 2, 2026

The Honorable Mikie Sherrill
Governor of New Jersey
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor Sherrill:

This is in response to your April 7, 2026, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of New Jersey as a result of a severe winter storm and snowstorm during the period of February 22 to February 23, 2026. You specifically requested Public Assistance, including snow assistance for 19 counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

Based on our review of all of the information available, it has been determined that supplemental federal assistance under the Stafford Act is not warranted. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for a major disaster declaration is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. Any appeal pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.46, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to the President through Christopher Hartnett, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region II, located at One World Trade Center, 285 Fulton Street, 52nd Floor, New York, NY 10007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Fenton, Jr.", written over a white background.

Robert J. Fenton, Jr.
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the
Administrator



FEMA

September 2, 2026

The Honorable Mikie Sherrill
Governor of New Jersey
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor Sherrill:

This is in response to your July 20, 2026, appeal for a major disaster declaration for the State of New Jersey as a result of a severe winter storm and snowstorm during the period of February 22-23, 2026. You specifically appealed the denial of your request for Public Assistance, including snow assistance for 19 counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

After a thorough review of all the information contained in your initial request and appeal, it has been reaffirmed that supplemental federal assistance under the Stafford Act is not warranted. Therefore, I must inform you that your appeal for a major disaster declaration is denied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Hamilton".

Cameron Hamilton
Administrator