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Pocono Township Residents,

In speaking with Monroe County Office of Emergency Management, as was expected, Pocono Township / Monroe County is not going to have enough damage to pursue a Presidential Declaration. That being said, the County is going to pursue a Small Business Administration (SBA) Declaration. In order to qualify for this declaration, we will need at least 25 households and/or businesses must have a minimum 40-percent uninsured loss, or at least five businesses must have a significant economic loss. If we are approved for a SBA Declaration, residents and business owners will be eligible for low-interest loans through the SBA to repair their households or businesses.

To start this process, we will need your help. Please have any household or business that reaches out to your municipality to report damages, complete the attached "Economic Injury Survey" (Businesses) / "SBA Homeowner" . As you get receive the completed forms, please send them to jbelvin@poconopa.gov so that we may submit to MCOEM. As of right now we do not have a deadline on when these need to be submitted. The term household is very broad in this process; there are a few situations that you need to be aware of that can increase the number of forms that can be completed:

- If in the household there is a couple that are co-habiting and are not married, they can be counted at two households and should each complete a form.
- If an individual is renting a room or space from a landlord that lives in the property, they are considered two households and should each complete a form.
- If an individual is renting a home, both they and the landlord can each complete a form.
- If an individual operates their business out of their home and sustained damages, they can fill a form out for their household and the business.
- If an adult child (18+) lives in the home with their parents and sustained damages to their property, they can fill out a form separate from their parents.

Completing and submitting these forms is not a contract and will not commit the household or business owner to accepting help or agreeing to a loan. At this point, it is just assessing a need for a declaration.

If you have any questions regarding the SBA process or completing the Economic Injury Survey, please feel free to reach out.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Belvin".

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