

## Statement from Governor Pat Quinn On FEMA Denial of State Disaster Assistance Request

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SPRINGFIELD - March 11, 2012. Governor Pat Quinn today issued the following statement regarding FEMA's denial of the state's request for federal assistance for people and businesses in Southern Illinois that were impacted by the Feb. 29 tornado.

"I am extremely disappointed that FEMA denied our request for federal assistance that is needed to help people in Harrisburg, Ridgway and the other communities devastated by this deadly tornado. After personally surveying the damage and talking to many residents who lost their homes, I firmly believe federal assistance is crucial to help them begin the recovery process.

"I support Senator Dick Durbin's efforts to encourage federal officials to reconsider their decision. In the meantime, I have directed Illinois Emergency Management Agency Director Jonathon Monken to continue working with local officials to ensure that we do everything possible to secure critical assistance."

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