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Sen. Jason Crowell Announces Request for Disaster Assistance for Southeast Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY– Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today urged officials to heed the governor’s request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Southeast Missouri. The federal government has been asked to approve a Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for 18 Missouri counties affected by the mid-February ice storms.

“These ice storms hit our community hard, and many are still struggling to recover from the damage,” said Sen. Crowell. “This assistance could provide much-needed help to local governments and non-profits in affected areas.”

Last week, three joint federal, state and local damage assessment teams began to assess damages in areas affected by the storms. The teams identified over \$13.8 million in damages, and local jurisdictions could be reimbursed for protective actions, repairs or replacement of damaged infrastructure and debris cleanup. Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, and Mississippi counties are among the counties that could receive the assistance, if approved by federal officials.

“Our community has worked hard to get back to normal, and this assistance could make a big difference in that continued effort,” said Sen. Crowell. “I hope that this assistance is approved, and localities can quickly begin to utilize it.”

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