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The Honorable Tate Reeves  
Governor  
550 High St.  
Sillers Building, 19th Floor  
Jackson, MS 39201

Re: Request for a Small Business Administrative Declaration FEMA-3582-EM

Dear Governor Reeves:

As you are aware, small businesses in Jackson have been especially impacted by the instability in our water system. The economic hardships that so many of our businesses faced during the pandemic are only being exacerbated by the current water crisis.

On August 30, 2022, and continuing, a specific flooding event impacting the City of Jackson, Mississippi has rendered our businesses without water.

This specific event crippled water treatment at our OB Curtis facility and rendered our city without drinking and non-potable water. Prior to this event, Jackson's businesses were struggling under a citywide boil water notice that began on July 29, 2022. Our community is still without drinking water, even as water pressure is rising and running water has resumed in most homes and businesses in our city.

At this time, I request that you ask the U. S. Small Business Administration, under the provisions of 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, to make a Small Business Administrative Declaration so that assistance in the form of SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans can be made available to impacted businesses and non-profits in the City of Jackson.

The majority of our residents have been without non-potable water for well over a week and without safe drinking water for well over a month. Our businesses are suffering great hardships resulting from this crisis.

The State of Mississippi has been an extraordinary partner in our response efforts, for which the City of Jackson is grateful. I cannot thank you enough for your support and willingness to go above and beyond in helping businesses of Jackson.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. Please advise if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chokwe Antar Lumumba". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Honorable Chokwe Antar Lumumba  
Mayor

CC: Congressman Bennie Thompson, District 2  
Michael Lampton, Director, SBA Office of Disaster Assistance Field Operations Center East