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The Honorable Barack Obama
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) I respectfully request that you declare a major disaster for the State of California as a result of the South Napa Earthquake that affected Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.

The earthquake which occurred on Sunday, August 24, 2014, caused extensive physical and economic damage to the region. The costs associated with the damages to critical infrastructure, homes and local businesses will likely reach in to the hundreds of millions of dollars. In fact, preliminary damage estimates completed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) total nearly \$400 million.

We concur with Governor Brown's assertion that supplemental federal assistance is necessary as the cost of recovery is beyond the capabilities of the state and affected local governments. CSAC strongly supports his request for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance for the affected areas.

For these reasons, I urge you to declare a federal disaster as soon as possible to ensure that federal dollars are made available to the region in the wake of this disaster.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Cate". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matt Cate
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor, State of California