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Alfred E. Judd, Director  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
Field Operations West  
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Dear Mr. Judd:

Under the provisions of 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declare an economic injury disaster for Yakima County in Washington State.

On October 10, 2009, a massive landslide closed off State Highway 410 near the community of Nile and changed the course of the Naches River. The landslide destroyed a few homes as well as businesses. The rechanneling of the river caused some minor flooding to occur. The closure of Highway 410 has disrupted the flow of business along this corridor that has, and is still causing, injury to businesses in or serving the area.

I certify that at least five small business concerns have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of this event, and are in need of financial assistance not otherwise available on reasonable terms. Economic injury data worksheets received by the Washington State Military Department's Emergency Management Division (EMD) have already been sent to and reviewed by SBA staff.

I have designated Kurt Hardin, of the EMD, as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. He will work with the SBA and may provide additional information, justification, or requests on my behalf.

If you have any questions about this request, please call James Mullen, Director of EMD, at (253) 512-7001. Thank you for your careful and expeditious consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor

cc: Washington State Congressional Delegation  
State Legislators of Affected Counties  
Washington State Office of Financial Management  
Yakima County Emergency Management Director