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The Honorable Chi Charlie Nguyen
Mayor, City of Westminster
8200 Westminster Boulevard
Westminster, CA 92683

Subject: City of Westminster – 2026 Orange County Chemical Incident –
Request for California Disaster Assistance Act Funding

Dear Mayor Nguyen:

This letter is in response to the City of Westminster's request for financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) due to the impacts of the 2026 Orange County Chemical Incident.

In accordance with the California Emergency Services Act, the Governor declared a State of Emergency to exist in Orange County on May 23, 2026, for the 2026 Orange County Chemical Incident. However, as a result of assessments conducted following the event, the determination was made the impacts from the Orange County Chemical Incident were not of such severity and magnitude to be beyond the capabilities of local government to respond to and recover from. Therefore, the City of Westminster's request for CDAA funds to address the 2026 Orange County Chemical Incident is denied.

Please know Cal OES will continue to work closely with your team during the recovery efforts. Feel free to contact RecoveryDAU@caloes.ca.gov, if you have additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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