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December 9, 2015



The Orangeburg County Council
1437 Amelia Street, Suite 200
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

The Orangeburg City Council
933 Middleton Street
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Federal Disaster Relief Funds for Farming and Agriculture

Dear Governor Haley:

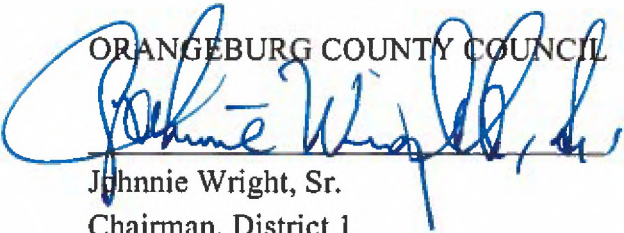
The County Council of Orangeburg County and the City Council of the City of Orangeburg met in a special session at the offices of the County Economic Development Commission and reviewed a request from the Farm Bureau Federation to in regards to the State's application for federal disaster relief funds.


Many farmers in Orangeburg County and South Carolina continue to suffer from crop damage following the October 2015 storms. Many farms throughout the state have suffered the depletion of peanut, soybeans, and cotton harvests this fall. Certain crops are continuing to rot in fields as farmers cannot harvest them due to the conditions of the fields. Early October's historic flooding event also ruined tens of thousands of bales of hay; creating the likelihood of shortfalls that eventually will place livestock at risk and producers in dire straits. Reduced crop yields and quality have led and will continue to lead to lost income for farmers and their suppliers. Our respective councils have already heard from several farmers who have lost everything for the year. These losses will directly impact farm gate revenue and indirectly impact the surrounding communities.


The County Council and the City Council respectfully request that you strongly consider requesting \$376 million in disaster relief funds for farming and agriculture to assist farmers in their recovery from the October 2015 floods.

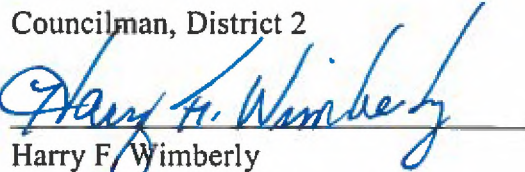
Sincerely,

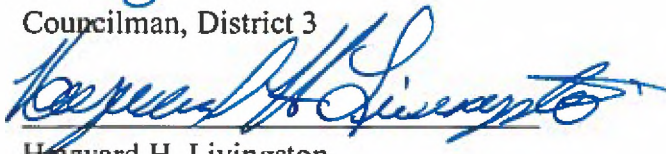
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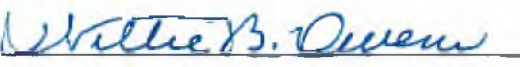

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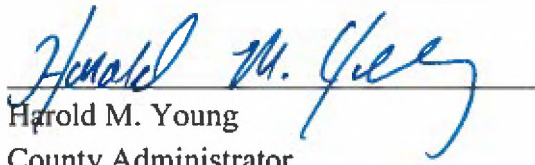

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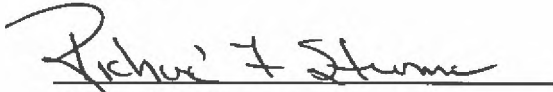
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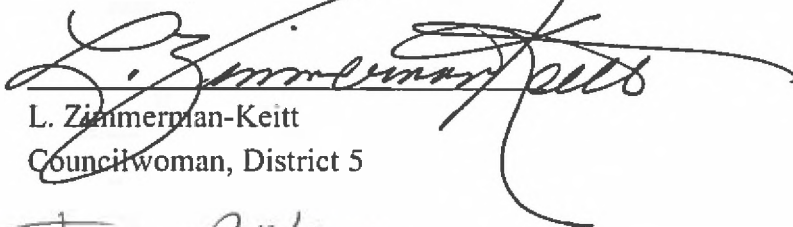
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