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State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

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March 13, 2015

Ms. Deborah Z. Bonnett
Post Office Box 3
Rowesville, South Carolina 29133

Dear Ms. Bonnett,

Thank you for contacting the Governor's Office with your concerns about the winter weather, occurring in South Carolina from February 23-26, 2015, and its effects on your family's vacation travel plans.

Following her executive authority to close state government offices, the Governor is also authorized to grant leave with pay to state employees who missed work due to the closing of state offices for hazardous weather conditions pursuant to Section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

However, nothing in state law permits the Governor to waive the vacation rental fees of private businesses for citizens who missed their vacation as a result of inclement weather. While our office understands that winter weather can disrupt citizens' travel plans, we still encourage individuals to take responsibility for their health, safety, and welfare and make good judgments about staying off the roads when driving conditions become hazardous.

Again, thank you for contacting the Governor's office. If you have additional questions about the State's winter weather policies, please call our office at 803-734-6068.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca S. Schimsa".

Rebecca S. Schimsa
Deputy Legal Counsel