



State of South Carolina

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March 22, 2013

Mr. Frank Skaggs
U.S. Small Business Administration
Field Operations Center – East
101 Marietta Street NW, Suite 700
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Skaggs,

On March 16, 2013, a fire caused severe damages to homes in Horry County. Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted on March 21, 2013, and based on the results of these surveys, I certify that there are at least 25 homes in Horry County that have sustained a minimum of 40 percent uninsured loss.

Based on the abovementioned facts, I request that you declare Horry County a disaster area and, subsequently, implement the U.S. Small Business Administration's Disaster Loan Program. South Carolina will not request assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for this event as we did not meet their thresholds to qualify for assistance.

You may contact Mr. Kim Stenson, Interim Director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, at (803) 737-8500 if you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter.

Your favorable consideration of my request will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to your earliest possible reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/rs