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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Haley

The Board of Directors of Florence County Farm Bureau thank you for your dedication to our state and our citizens. Your representation of the needs of our citizens in Washington is greatly appreciated.

We are contacting you to ask for assistance for not only our Florence County farmers, but for all farmers of our state. Farmers are accustomed to dealing with adverse conditions every day. Preparing for pest, weeds and break downs are common to our occupation. This past year has presented farmers with the very worse situation for which no one could have prepared. A farmer can't prepare for the weather disaster and conditions we received this year.

This disaster is not only affecting farmers but will carry over to agribusiness and other businesses that depend on our agriculture economy. This impact will be felt for the years to come in our economic region.

We ask that you support direct disaster relief fund for our farmers. The present farm bill eliminated the Direct Commodity Program, which in the past, gave farmers a payment based on crop acres and provided a much needed income for farmers to withstand low prices and hardships such as we face today. In absence of this, direct disaster relief will allow our farmers to survive this unprecedented disaster.

Your assistance with this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The board of directors of the Florence County Farm Bureau