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The Honorable Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Scoville:

I am in receipt of your letter, addressed to both Governor Haley and myself. Governor Haley very plainly and openly shared with the City of Georgetown that up to \$1 million in Community Development Block Grant funding would be available to help in the rebuilding of Front Street, and that an agreement between the property owners and the City would have to be the first step in acquiring the funding. She indicated at that time that we needed a master rebuilding plan to go forward. They have waited patiently at the state level to get this agreement.

If you remember, Mayor Scoville, we used \$20,000 in PRT funds to help with the cost of the National Guard cleaning out a portion of the Harbor area where debris had fallen. A portion of that funding was also used toward the asbestos issue. Then it was noted that \$70,000 was needed to rebuild the boardwalk and complete the clearing of the remaining debris in the Harbor. We went to the Georgetown Transportation Committee and put together the \$70,000 and they agreed to appropriate state funding to help with road improvements in the City of Georgetown. That freed up \$70,000 in the City's appropriations to be used for the rebuilding of the boardwalk and debris clearance.

It is vital that the City and the property owners come to a legal agreement of what the master plan would be in creating a base foundation on the site where the buildings were destroyed. Some of the things that must be agreed upon are: costs for soil boring and engineer's plans and specs on the common foundation that will meet the federal, state and local codes; what process will be used in the new construction; insuring that all buildings that were destroyed are rebuilt; and where and how private funding will be secured.

We commend the City of Georgetown for the funding they have spent toward the rebuilding of Front Street. I have talked with both the County Administrator, Sel Hemingway, and the Director of the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments, Sarah Smith, and they are both very supportive of this project, and stand ready to help in any way they can in what appears to be a simple solution.

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It is my belief that the first step must be the legal agreement between the City and the property owners.

Sincerely,


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cc: The Honorable Nikki Haley