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Ms. Phyllis Buchanan  
595 West Oak Highway  
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**RE: 595 West Oak Highway, Oconee County**

Dear Ms. Buchanan:

Thank you for contacting Governor Haley's office on behalf of your brother, Mr. Richard Carver, in regards to the drainage issue at 595 West Oak Highway, Westminster in Oconee County. Your information was forwarded to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) District Three Engineering office for review and response.

Mr. Carver contacted the SCDOT Oconee maintenance forces on March 11, 2014 (tracking number 767837) in regards to a drainage issue at 595 West Oak Highway in Westminster. Oconee maintenance forces responded and removed various types of pipes from this location, which had failed and were causing a drainage issue. The pipes that were removed were not installed by SCDOT and did not meet SCDOT standards. Oconee maintenance forces were able to resolve the drainage issue at this location and the drainage system is now functioning as designed.

Additionally, Brandon Wilson, Assistant District Maintenance Engineer (ADME), contacted Mr. Carver in regards to his request and spoke with him at the location. ADME Wilson explained what work the SCDOT Oconee maintenance forces performed and how SCDOT policies and practices relate to Mr. Carver's request. ADME Wilson also explained to Mr. Carver that he could, at his expense, place pipe in the drainage swale under an approved SCDOT encroachment permit. However, SCDOT cannot provide or place pipe in ditches for reasons that do not relate directly to the function of the highway system.

We hope this written explanation of action taken by SCDOT to help Mr. Carver addresses his concerns. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact either ADME Brandon Wilson at 843-393-6171 or me at 803-737-7900.

Sincerely,

Christy A. Hall, P.E.  
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