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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor, State of South Carolina
The State House
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

As you are aware the State of South Carolina recently had unprecedented flooding, which caused damage throughout the State. One group that suffered significant devastation during the flooding is our farmers who were additionally impacted by the prolonged periods of excessive rainfall.

Estimates produced by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the USDA - Farm Service Agency and Clemson University Extension Services, currently place the impact of crop loss and prevented planting from South Carolina Farms at \$376 million.

The Senate Special Committee Regarding Flood Relief Efforts in South Carolina unanimously requests that you, on behalf of the State of South Carolina, request any and all disaster relief funding options to the South Carolina Congressional Delegation, including supplemental appropriations, block grants, programmatic funding and any other form of disaster assistance for our farmers. Because of the timing of ongoing budget negotiations in Washington, time is of the essence and we would urge you to request this assistance in time for the Delegation to take appropriate action.

Respectfully submitted:

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