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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
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Governor Haley:

I hope this correspondence finds you doing well.

My district is comprised of many farmers and is the backbone of the Conway and Aynor areas. Cotton, corn, soybeans, peanuts, and tobacco are the staple crops. I have met and spoken with several farmers in my district and surrounding my district, and their financial situations are dire. Most of the crops are a total loss. My understanding is crop insurance most often excludes damage from flooding. The Low Country has had several Town Hall Meetings with farmers, and the Horry County farming community appeared in great numbers at a Town Hall Meeting at the Horry Electric Assembly Hall in Conway and voiced their concerns to our Republican Congressman. The disastrous effects on their crops will cause them to lose their livelihood and land. We have urged our Congressman to seek and obtain financial aid for farmers, especially in light of FEMA relief does not apply to farmers. Our state Agricultural Commissioner and our local Agricultural Commissioner have been very active in addressing these matters for the farmers.

I write this letter to you seeking your unwavering support to obtain relief for our South Carolina farmers. I ask that you reconsider your position refusing to seek assistance for the South Carolina farmers. I do ask that you or your staff contact me to apprise me of your plan to obtain Federal funding and State funding for our South Carolina farmers so I may do whatever I can do to assist you in those efforts.

With kind regards and with hopes that we can find relief for our farmers, I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Johnson", written over a horizontal line.

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