

April 27, 2016
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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Haley:

Recently a local farmer of the lower Florence County area expressed to me his concern for himself and surrounding farmers of the Florence, Williamsburg, Georgetown counties, who were directly affected by the 1000 Year Flood October 2015. He believes they are not receiving funds available to farmers both state level and national level due to decision(s) from your office.

Since I am not a farmer I am not familiar with available funds for said occupation, however, I am a flood victim of Georgetown County so I am very familiar with the flooding of October and afterward effects on the person and property.

I originate from a farming background so I have a soft spot and therefore sensitive to the farmer of today so I am hopeful your office is making every effort to financially assist all the affected farmers of the flood. The way your office handled the flooding in October 2015 in other ways was, I thought, well done, but if the farmer is being neglected then I am very concerned. Today's farmer faces each day challenges from weather, guidelines and rules imposed, circumstances imposed upon him which he has no control and to be neglected after the catastrophic flooding of October 2015 is just not acceptable. I surely hope your office is actively working to help each farmer get back on his feet. I see the farmer as the breadbasket of this country and without him we the people would not eat, therefore we owe him due consideration and compensation after a loss such as each experienced October 2015.

Sincerely,



Jo Ann S. Baker

