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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
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HAND DELIVERED

Dear Governor Haley,

South Carolina farmers need our immediate help! The 1,000 year flood that took place in early October has devastated large parts of South Carolina's best farm acreage. The economic loss to South Carolina agriculture is at least \$376,000,000. The 2014 farm bill and crop insurance program were not designed to cover damages of epic proportions such as these. There is no way the federal government could have envisioned a crop insurance program to deal with the destruction this has caused. Not even the brightest and most skillful business visionary could have planned for this. We must help our farmers today.

Governor Haley, congress says it needs you to request these desperately needed funds or it is unlikely that South Carolina family farms will receive the help they need. Congress is putting the final details together on the omnibus budget bill that has to be passed by December 11th. Please request the funds so they will be included in this bill.

On behalf of our farmers in distress, I want to thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this urgent need.

Sincerely,

Richard L. "Richie" Yow