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**From:** Haley, Nikki  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2015 7:22 PM  
**To:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Cc:** Patel, Swati  
**Subject:** Re: Constituent Feedback during Flood

This was very nice. Thank you.

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On Dec 2, 2015, at 6:43 PM, Schimsa, Rebecca <[RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov](mailto:RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

Governor – Below is a sampling of feedback from constituents during the flood, which I apologize I have not sent to you sooner. Most are in-state, but I included a few out-of-state comments as well. Thank you.

In-State:

- I just wanted to tell Governor how much I admire her leadership during this time. I believe because of her quick actions things are not any worse than they are. Thanks again for all you do for our great state. – **Ms. Beverly Mellish, Batesburg**
- I wanted to let Governor Haley and her staff know how PROUD I am to call South Carolina home. Our Governor has handled this devastating event amazingly! We are South Carolina Strong and we WILL survive. Thank You Governor Haley!!! – **Penny Randall, Florence**
- Re: Sunday press conference; First class, informative conference. One of the best I have ever heard. Good job. Thank you Gov. Haley. – **Lloyd Hamilton, Wando**
- I don't know where to go to, to let you know that as our Governor-You have really, really done a super job- proud to have you as our Govenor-----Thanks. – **Diane Hoffman, Swansea**
- Good afternoon, After watching the most recent press conference (12:00 PM EST, 10/07/2015), I felt compelled to send this note of appreciation after hearing the tone and context of questions asked the Governor and her emergency team during the press conference. Personally I think the Governor and the entire team, along with all the first responders, have done an exceptional job under these unique and historic circumstances. I am proud to have Governor Haley running this state... Sincerely – **Tim A. Killian, Lexington**
- Thank you Gov. Haley for being such an encourager during such a time as this. We are so richly blessed to have you leading us. With heartfelt thanks and may God richly bless you and your entire staff! – **Ellyn Harris, Mt. Pleasant**
- Our Governor is doing an awesome job with this major event! Bless you! The SC state tree, the palmetto, was used during the Revolutionary War for fortification purposes because of its strength. As is the Palmetto Tree, SC is STRONG! – **Susan, Prosperity**
- I just wanted to thank you for your strong and effective leadership through the past week. You have demonstrated caring, thoughtful, and bold leadership to the citizens of SC that you are on top of the flooding situation and recovery efforts. Even though we may disagree on some policy matters, I back you 100% on how you've handled yourself in this situation, as well as with the tragedy in Charleston with the Charleston 9. Too often, politicians politicize these situations--but you've been above all that in your handling of these matters. I know the recovery from this is going to be long and difficult--major infrastructure problems to fix with roads, bridges and dams. But you'll get us through it, I am sure. Thanks for all you do for SC. – **Leni Patterson, Clinton**

Out of State:

- Gov. Haley, I am a native South Carolinian but live in Virginia. I have 2 grown daughters and their families living in SC, 1 in Columbia, 1 in Aiken. I only wish to say thank you, I cannot imagine how hard this has been for you. You showed such grace and compassion during the tragedy at Mother Emanuel, I simply did not think you could(or would have to)react that "humanly" again. But you have. My families are safe, as are their friends. However, many have lost everything but, as we know, it can be replaced, rebuilt. For this, I thank our Heavenly Father. My prayers are also sent your way, as is my "Nana" hug. I hope you understand how much you mean to the state of South Carolina. – **Patricia Claytor, Virginia**
- I'm a Democrat from Pennsylvania, but after I've seen the Governor in action in dealing with the flooding disaster in your state, totally impressed. I would vote for her in a heart beat. Guess it would be like a Republican voting for Bernie Sanders! :-) Good luck and God keep you in this difficult time. – **Fred Blake, Pennsylvania**
- I am a Virginia resident whose oldest son is a freshman at University of South Carolina. The situation in South Carolina is heartbreaking. I am a lifelong democrat but just wanted to say how truly impressed I have been with Governor Haley's leadership during this difficult time. Her leadership this past week should be an inspiration to anyone, regardless of party affiliation. The victims of this tragedy are in my family's thoughts, especially given that we were just in Columbia the weekend before for Parents Weekend at USC, and met a number of residents who are now struggling. Our son has been home this week while the university and community work to restore basic services. I have complete confidence in the University and Governor Haley when he returns to campus tomorrow. I just wanted to thank Governor Haley and her staff for all their hard work and for all they have done for those struggling in South Carolina. With heartfelt appreciation. – **Michael McLain, USC Parent from Virginia**