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Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE: House Democratic Leader Todd Rutherford Prefiles Immediate Flood Recovery Relief Bill

Here is the provision of law I assume he is referencing (25-1-440(a)(8)(iii)): (iii) make financial grants to meet disaster-related, necessary expenses or serious needs of individuals or families adversely affected by a major disaster which may not otherwise be adequately met from other means of assistance. No individual or family may receive grants aggregating more than ten thousand dollars with respect to any single major disaster subject to the limitations contained in subitem (ii) of this item. The ten thousand-dollar limit annually must be adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor;

Response: “I find it odd that Rep. Rutherford chose to attack my plan to help homeowners, when a large portion of my efforts have been dedicated to making sure low income individuals are able to find clean and safe living conditions—living conditions he and I would put our children in. It is precisely because we understand some funding will not be available until later in the year that I am working with voluntary organizations, private fundraising efforts, and current resources at our disposal—both federal and state—to address the immediate need of the most vulnerable population affected by the storm. This is a time we should be working together to help the citizens of South Carolina, not making divisive attacks against one another based on misleading talking points.”

We could also just say: “I have not seen the text of Rep. Rutherford’s proposal, but his statement is clearly and unfortunately politically driven, and is not worthy of a response. This is a time we should be working together to help the citizens of South Carolina, not making divisive attacks against one another based on misleading talking points.”

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Looping in Josh.

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Proposed response?

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Any comment on this?

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Flood Recovery Relief Bill would provide the Governor with over \$320 million for Immediate Flood Relief

Columbia, SC - Today, House Democratic Leader Rep. Todd Rutherford pre-filed a flood recovery relief bill, in the form of a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2015-2016 budget, allocating over \$320 million in surplus revenue from FY 2014-2015 that is currently in the Contingency Reserve Fund and 2015-16 unobligated projected surplus revenue that has been certified by the Board of Economic Advisors to Governor Nikki Haley to spend on immediate flood relief for South Carolina families. Governor Haley's proposal for flood relief would not begin until the beginning of FY 2016-2017 (July 1, 2016). Rutherford's bill would allow funds to be allocated to families immediately upon the signature of the Governor.

\$86,750,797 will come from the Contingency Reserve Fund.

\$239,798,000 will come from FY 2015-2016 unobligated general fund revenue (surplus funds) as certified by the Board of Economic Advisors.

In accordance with Section 25-1-440 of the 1976 Code, the Governor has the authority to make financial grants to meet disaster-related needs of individuals and families affected by a major disaster when that disaster has been declared by the President. On October 5, 2015, President Obama signed a disaster declaration for the state of South Carolina, ordering federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts.

House Democratic Leader Todd Rutherford says disaster relief for individuals and families has fallen short and current plans will not adequately address the needs of families who have been affected or displaced by the recent floods.

“We simply cannot wait until the new fiscal year begins in July to start helping people - they need help now,” said Rutherford. “We have surplus funds that are available at this very moment that can help families who are still struggling from the floods. We should not make them suffer any longer just because some elected leaders are in no hurry,” said Rep. Rutherford. “The Governor’s plan does not address private homeowners who were catastrophically affected by this storm, and currently have no path to stability. Our bill can help provide that stability in an immediate fashion. The Governor already has the authority to do what’s right, this bill gives her the necessary tools. I hope she takes advantage of her authority to provide immediate relief to South Carolina families.”

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