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The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29201

HAND DELIVERED

Dear Governor Haley:

On behalf of the countless farmers who have been affected by the devastating floods of early October, I write to you to request your assistance. Your steady leadership during these times of great need has been recognized by our entire state, and we thank you for your efforts. I know you have seen firsthand the widespread destruction these historic events have brought to our state, and you are well aware of the immediate need for farmer assistance.

On Saturday, December 5, the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation held their largest meeting of elected members. During this meeting, Farm Bureau leaders unanimously requested on behalf of our nearly 100,000 member families across the state, that the South Carolina Governor, General Assembly and U.S. Congress immediately exercise all options and utilize all resources to help our farmers overcome the \$376 million direct crop loss they are facing. I have included a copy of the request with this letter.

Current crop insurance programs were not designed to cover the damage of this year's multiple catastrophic natural disasters. Even with diligent planning and the highest level of crop insurance coverage, many farmers may be forced to lose their farms down altogether. On behalf of the entire agricultural community, I request you present every possible avenue of relief to our congressional delegation for consideration and review. In doing so, we give farmers the best chance for a quicker recovery.

Sincerely,

Harry Ott
President, SC Farm Bureau Federation



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Statement of the SC Farm Bureau Voting Delegates on December 5, 2015:

South Carolina farmers have experienced tremendous devastation this year due to severe drought and historic flooding. Even with diligent planning and the highest level of crop insurance coverage, many farmers may be forced to shut down their farms and possibly file for bankruptcy.

The 2014 farm bill and crop insurance program were not designed to cover the damage of epic proportions caused by the recent flooding. The federal laws written on paper simply do not work in the fields.

It is clear that farmers need federal and state disaster assistance.

Disaster assistance is critical to maintaining a strong agricultural economy and an abundant food supply that benefits all South Carolinians. It is imperative that our elected officials understand that time is of the essence.

For these reasons, the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation urgently requests the South Carolina Governor, United States Congress and the South Carolina General Assembly immediately exercise all options and utilize all resources to help farmers, including supplemental appropriations, block grants, programmatic funding and any other form of disaster assistance.

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