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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2014 South Carolina Emergency Management Association Workshop.

As we have experienced in the recent past, disasters can strike any part of our state at any time. While some of these events are somewhat expected, as were the snow and ice storms, others catch us by surprise, as did the earthquake in Edgefield and the Georgetown fire. In all cases, emergency management professionals were ready to step in, assess the damage, and assist communities during the recovery process. We never know when disasters may strike or the form they will take, but we can be sure that they will happen. Your participation in this workshop is a testament to your commitment to the safety of the residents of South Carolina.

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, thank you for all you do before, during, and after any crisis that affects our communities. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikki".

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