

Dear Governor Haley:

I am a resident of the Bridgepointe Townhomes in Charleston, having lived there since the summer of 1987. I am an 88 year old veteran, and retired Civil Servant existing on fixed income.

In the past 14 months our home has been flooded 3 times and my wife and I have had to evacuate, and find an alternate place to live for 3 months after the 2 most recent floods. Our neighbors, mostly older than 70 and existing on fixed incomes, have been forced to evacuate also.

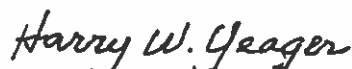
Bridgepointe is a unique community consisting of 32 Townhomes in six buildings surrounded on 3 sides by ponds and backed on the fourth by the 15th fairway of Shadowmoss golf course. We are governed by a Homeowners Association and a 5 member Board of Directors. Our residents think we are living in a little piece of Heaven; when we were not threatened by flood waters.

For the past year our lives had been in limbo, awaiting a buyout of our properties under a voluntary FEMA program to buy properties with a history of flooding. All of these townhomes have flooded at least 5 times; in 1987, 2008, August 31 2015, October 3, 2015 and October 7, 2016. Unfortunately, we were informed in the week before Hurricane Matthew that our application for the buyout had been rejected. In the meantime, we've been told that the City of Charleston has re-applied for a FEMA grant from a separate FEMA fund source.

This is to request your strong support to help alleviate our collective trauma and ACCELERATE the processing at FEMA of the City's latest grant application.

Thirty two Bridgepointe Homeowners will love you for your support!

Sincerely,



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