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Subject: RE: FEMA will not assist individuals in Beaufort County because we are not considered a "Major Disaster" area ~ Website email from Robert Confare to ALL Senate Members

Good afternoon,

Thank you both for your timely response with this information as it is greatly appreciated. Have a great afternoon and a great weekend.

Best,

Rebecca

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Subject: RE: FEMA will not assist individuals in Beaufort County because we are not considered a "Major Disaster" area ~ Website email from Robert Confare to ALL Senate Members

Rebecca,

Please pass along the information below to Mr. Confare.

To date, the federal government has issued Major Disaster Declarations for 13 counties, which means that local governments and certain nonprofits in those counties can seek reimbursements for costs associated with debris removal or emergency protective measures: Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg Counties.

Additional counties or categories of reimbursable costs may be added at a later date, depending on the results of Preliminary Damage Assessments as conducted by local, state, and federal representatives. Currently, assessments are ongoing in 25 counties: Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Orangeburg, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties.

Note: At this time, no South Carolina resident is eligible to apply for Individual Assistance from FEMA. For additional information, visit www.fema.gov. Please reach out to your county emergency manager regarding the assessment and the information that has been reported to State EMD and FEMA.

The Beaufort County Emergency Manager Contact information is provided below.

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Thank you,

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Katherine,

Can you please have staff review this constituent's concern and see if there is any validity? I was with understanding that Beaufort County residents on a whole were eligible for FEMA assistance, however this constituent is saying they are hearing otherwise from FEMA. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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Subject: FEMA will not assist individuals in Beaufort County because we are not considered a "Major Disaster" area ~ Website email from Robert Confare to ALL Senate Members

I am a resident of Beaufort County and our home sustained damage from hurricane Matthew. I am more fortunate than many who lost everything they own. However to compound these issues, deductibles are incredibly high for hurricane policies. It is sad, when we need help the most, is also when insurance companies find ways to avoid paying. We filled out our application with FEMA for assistance and found that Beaufort County residents do not qualify for individual assistance. I called FEMA last night and apparently the reason

why, is we are not designated as a "Major Disaster Area", but rather only a "Disaster Area". As a result, no funding is directly available for the thousands of residents who sustained damages or lost everything and had to seek shelter from Matthew in the mandatory evacuation. I have been to many areas of our county and they are complete wastelands. NC was given this status, and I can't comprehend why our county and others in our state have not been categorized as such. The eye wall came within miles of our community. Are there any plans to petition Washington to qualify us as a "Major Disaster Area" so our community can get support they so desperately need? I ask for your assistance in bringing attention to this region so that Washington understands what our community is up against. Thank you for your assistance, Robert Confare

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